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どうして一ノ瀬君は、
私が諦めようとする時に来てくれるの？

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CHAPTER 23

THAT DAY, THE MOON SEEMED LARGER THAN USUAL

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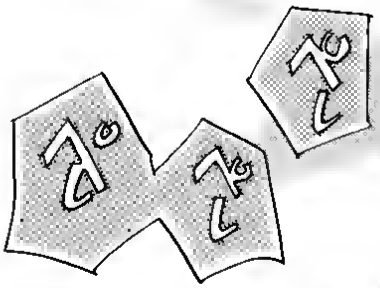
It has been
a year since
I've come
across these
red shoes

CLONK
OW
HERE, KIMITAKA
YAWN
YOUR LUNCH!
AH...
THANKS

I'M GOING TO BE LATE!

As always, my family is unequivocally full of energy...

And at school...



We proudly graduated into our second year of our High School life

WELCOME BACK
el alba
HELLO, SENSEI!
I've wanted a place that I could call my own
All this time

And now, I can say that I've found that place
ALRIGHT...
SAY, ICHINOSE-KUN, LET'S TRY DOING A SOLEA NEXT
With the help of these red shoes...
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Is it possible that
What've you been up to lately?
Fujimoto -san...

You're happily laughing like I am now?

WHAT'S WRONG?
WELL, MICHI'S BOYFRIEND CHEATED ON HER
I DIDN'T THINK HE WAS THAT KIND OF A PERSON!
FORGET ABOUT THAT LOSER, HE'S NOT WORTH IT
HE'S SO HORRIBLE!
AH GOOD IDEA
THAT'S AWFUL, HOW ABOUT A MIXER TO CHEER HER UP?
EXCUSE ME!
A TEACHER ASKED ME TO BRING THESE HERE
DO YOU KNOW ANY BOYS FROM THE OTHER SCHOOLS?
HMM... MAYBE...

AH...
THERE'S A GIRL NAMED NAMARI AND SHE HAS AN OLDER BROTHER
SAY,
ARE THERE ANY GIRLS WHO HAVE OLDER BROTHERS IN HIGH SCHOOL?
YOU'RE KURATA -SAN, AM I CORRECT?
THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THESE, CAN YOU PUT THEM DOWN OVER THERE?
YEP
SURE
CAN YOU INTRODUCE ME?
HER NAME IS NAMARI, YOU SAID?
CLASS 2-A, ICIHNOSE NAMARI
Ichinose?

I HAVE A LITTLE SISTER, SO...
IF YOU'RE GOING TO THROW AWAY THOSE SHOES, COULD YOU GIVE THEM TO ME?
...
HERE SHE IS
Little sister...
Ichinose -kun's...

...
They don't look related at all...
At least, I don't think they do
SAY, HEAR ME OUT
Maybe he's not the same person they're talking about ..
WA-
WAIT A MINUTE, MARI -CHAN!
WE'RE NOT GOING TO WIN ANYTHING AT THIS RATE
!!!
QUIT SLACKING GIRLS
LET'S GET ON WITH THE PRACTICE!

I'M THE NEW BASKETBALL CLUB'S RECRUIT. MY NAME IS MIYAMOTO, I'M A FIRST YEAR
FUJIMOTO -SENPAI, AM I RIGHT?
AH
I HEARD THAT YOUR SPECIALTY IS LONG SHOTS
I ALSO HEARD THAT YOU ARE THE HIGHEST POINT SCORER IN OUR GAMES
BY THE WAY, MY SPECIALTY IS LONG SHOTS AS WELL!

EXCUSE ME
I'm sorry about her attitude
BUT JUST BECAUSE I'M A FIRST YEAR, I'M NOT GOING TO SIT IN THE BLEACHERS AND WATCH!

EH?
A MIXER?!
YEP
THE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS IN THE BASKETBALL CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR SOME BOYS TO JOIN THEM...

Wait...
If we're talking about High School girls and basketball club
Doesn't that include Fujimoto-san as well...?
But...
She might not even come
If anything, I don't think she would
Come on... I mean...
But if she comes, doesn't that mean she doesn't have a boyfriend?
Not that it means I'd have any chance...

WHAT'S WRONG, ONII-CHAN?
Your hair is a mess
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M SAYING YOU'VE GOT TO GO, SO DON'T WORRY
IF YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS THAT ARE INTERESTED, JUST TELL THEM ABOUT IT FOR ME
ALRIGHT..
...

A MIXER?
ARE YOU GUYS INTERESTED?
YEAH...
I PERSONALLY PREFER OLDER WOMEN...
SOMEONE LIKE A COLLEGE STUDENT, FOR EXAMPLE
I DON'T THINK I'M QUITE READY TO DO ANY-THING LIKE THAT
IS THAT SO...

HUH?
WHO'RE YOU GOING TO THE MIXER WITH, ICHINOSE?
WELL, I DON'T INTEND ON GOING MYSELF, BUT
MY LITTLE SISTER ASKED ME TO FIND SOME PEOPLE THAT ARE INTERESTED IN GOING...
AH, IS THAT SO
IF YOU'D LIKE, I'LL ASK NAGAYORI AND HIS FRIENDS
HE JUST GOT DUMPED LAST WEEK, SO HE'S BEEN DOWN LATELY
HE'S ALWAYS SUCH A SERIOUS DUDE, SO I CAN'T STAND SEEING HIM LIKE THIS...

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT
NO PROBLEM!
I'LL ASK HIM LATER THEN, THANKS

I THINK IT'S LIKELY THAT TAKEDA AND MATSUYAMA WILL ALSO COME ALONG..
HMM
IS THIS NAGAYORI -SAN'S EMAIL ADDRESS?
TAKEDA -SAN AND MATSUYAMA -SAN...
YEP
AH...
WAIT!
OKAY, THANKS ONII-CHAN
GOOD NIGHT

Wouldn't it be like betraying her in a way?

I thought that she'd wait for me...
As impudent as it may be,
If she did come to the mixer...
Besides...
Good night...

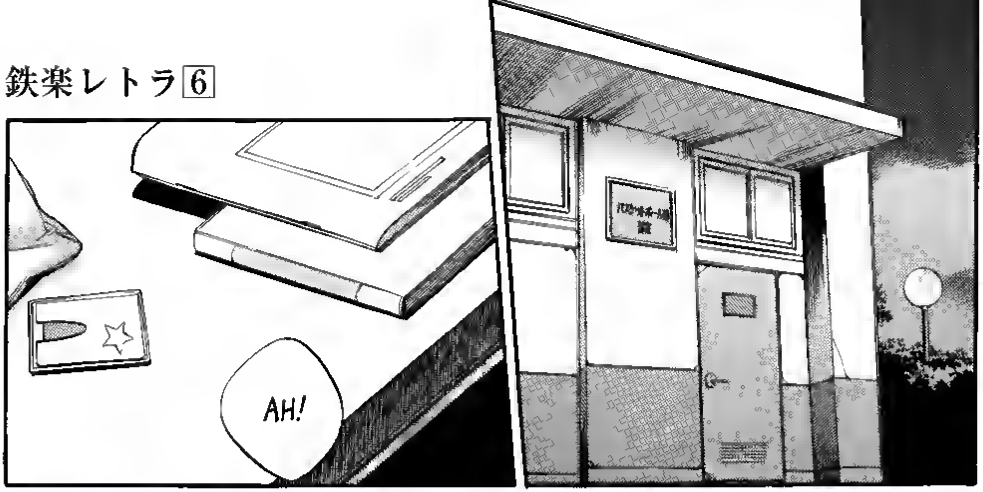
Let's just sleep
There's no way I'd be able to show my face like that...

Fujimoto~
ARE YOU REALLY NOT COMING TO THE MIXER?
I MEAN, ALL WE'RE DOING IS GOING TO THE KARAOKE AND EATING AT THE RESTAURANT IN FRONT OF THE STATION

I'M FINE
I WANT TO PRACTICE FOR A LITTLE BIT LONGER
YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE A BREAK SOMETIMES
IT'S FINE, LEAVE HER BE!
SHE'S GOT HER RED-SHOED PRINCE TO KEEP HER COMPANY AFTER ALL!
WHAT PRINCE?
AH...
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THOSE OLD KID SHOES SHE CARRIES AROUND?
YEP

I GOT PIANO LESSONS SOON, SO I'M OFF
OKAY
HERE, THE CLUB ROOM'S KEYS
AFTER YOU CLEAN UP, HAND IT BACK TO THE TEACHERS FOR ME

I THINK I FORGOT MY COMMUTER PASS IN THE CLUB ROOM...
MY NAME IS KURATA
I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU...
Fujimoto-senpai~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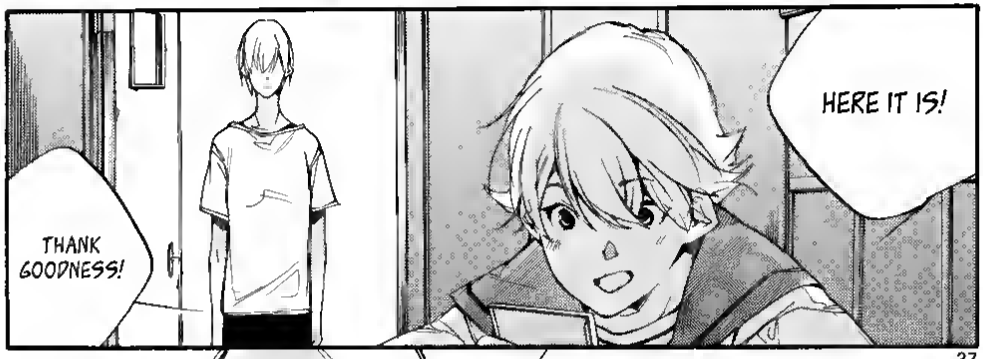
HERE IT IS!
THANK GOODNESS!

I'M GLAD YOU FOUND IT...

NOT AT ALL...
I'M SORRY I INTERRUPTED YOUR PRACTICE...

YEP!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, ARE YOU NOT GOING TO THE MIXER, SENPAI?

NO...
IS THAT SO
AH, BUT MAYBE YOU ARE RIGHT NOT TO GO
AFTER ALL, NAMARI'S BROTHER'S GOT A WEIRD FACE!
HUH...

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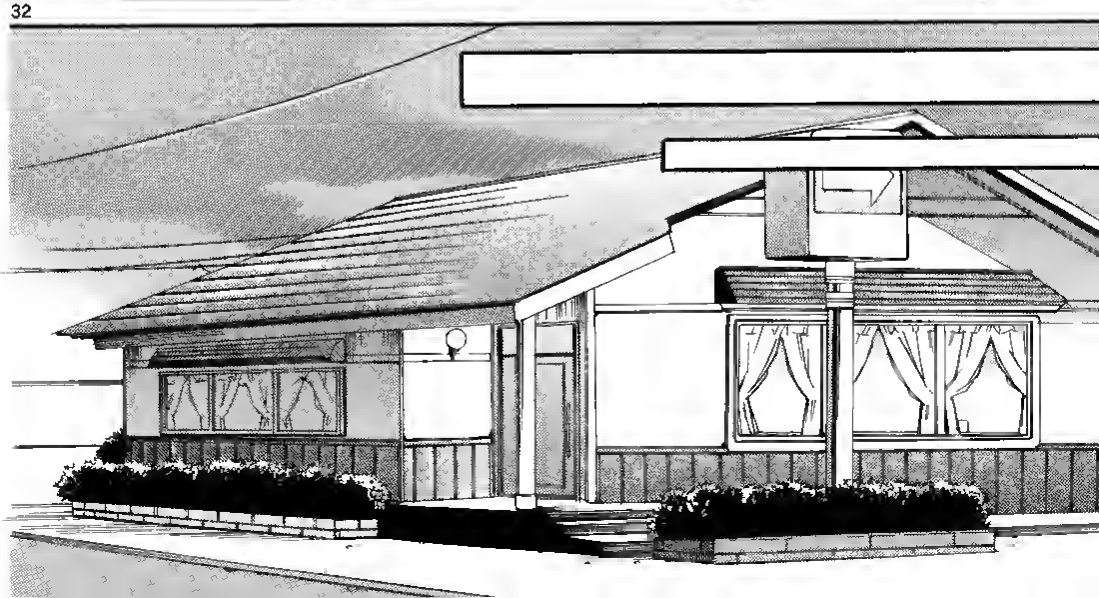
NAMARI HAS A SERIOUS AND DIGNIFIED LOOK, BUT HER BROTHER'S NO GOOD~
AH, DON'T TELL HER I SAID THAT THOUGH
WELL, GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR PRACTICE~

Oh no
How rude of me...
Face...
Weird...
But...
That can't be...
It can't possibly be the same person...

There's no way she's going, right...?
HEY, ICHINOSE~
WELL I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY SPECIFIC LINE THAT WOULD GET YOU THERE FASTER
WHICH TRAIN LINE SHOULD I TAKE TO GET TO SAKURANOMIYA AS FAST AS I CAN?
OH WELL,
BY THE WAY, DO YOU THINK THE GIRLS WOULD EAT A LOT?
HUH?
WELL,
THEY'RE PLANNING TO GO TO A KARAOKE AND A RESTAURANT AFTER
I FIGURED US GUYS WOULD BE THE ONES TO DISH OUT THE DOUGH FOR THE MIXER
RIGHT...
I'M NOT SURE IF THEY'D BE THE TYPES TO EAT A LOT...

SAY,
MY LAST GIRL FRIEND WAS SMALL AND TALKED A LOT...
THIS TIME, I THINK I'M DOWN FOR A TALL GIRL WHO DOESN'T TALK TOO MUCH
haha...
WELL, THANKS ANYWAYS
I'LL BE OFF THEN
ICHINOSE-KUN, LET'S FINISH UP
WE SHOULD HEAD OUT FOR OUR LESSON SOON
And doesn't talk too much...
A girl
Who is tall,

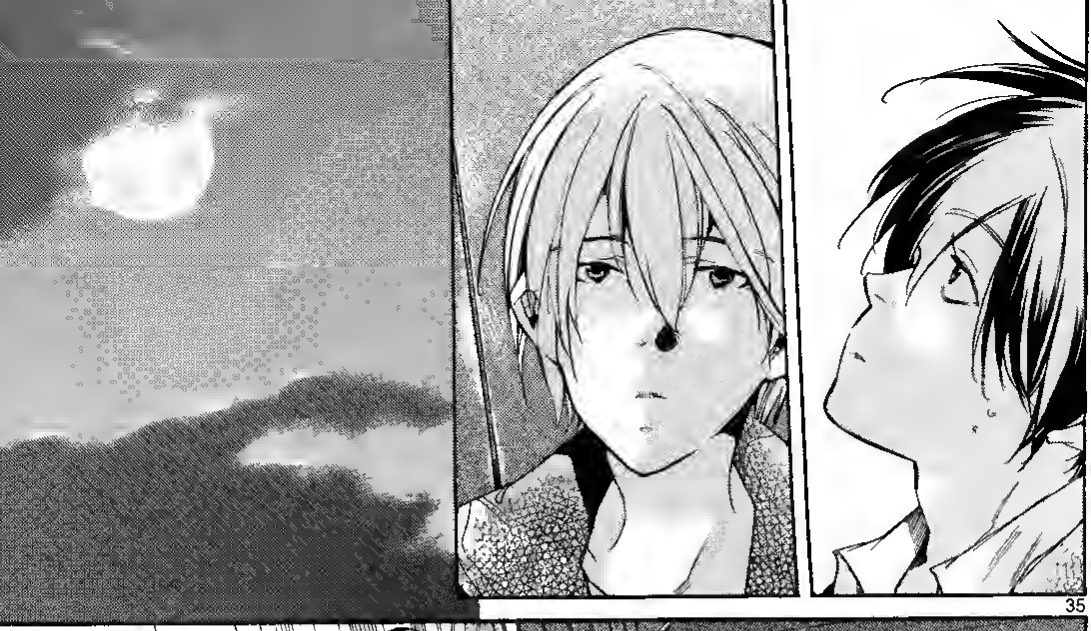
HUH...
SORRY... ICHIKAWA-KUN...
TELL MORINO-SENSEI THAT I'M GOING TO BE LATE FOR THE LESSON..
Ah, Ichinose -kun?!



Here
Not
She's

I'm glad I didn't go...
Figures...

Thank goodness
CHATTER
Wow, they sure can eat
Can I even pay for all this?
He's...
Not here...
exhale
Thank goodness...



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The moon seems so big tonight...

I wonder if she's looking at the moon right now...
I wonder if he's

I should get back to practice...

I hope I see him/her soon...

CHAPTER 24
BLUE STAR

I'M OPEN!
I'M OPEN!

REALLY...
AH!
CAN YOU REALLY CALL YOURSELF A SENIOR?
WHERE WERE YOU THROWING THE BALL!?
SORRY...
UM... HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN, MIYAMOTO-SAN
WHO'S THAT GIRL? SHE'S REALLY COCKY

REGARDING NEXT MONTH'S GENERAL QUALIFIERS,
SHE'S BEEN BOASTING THAT SHE'LL MAKE IT TO THE REGULARS
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SHE'S CERTAINLY A BIG TALKER, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SHE CAN BACK IT UP
WELL...
HER PLAYSTYLE IS SIMILAR TO FUJIMOTO...
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DON'T YOU DARE LOSE!
Stop that, you're putting too much pressure on her
HEY, FUJIMOTO!

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藤本
I'M HOME..

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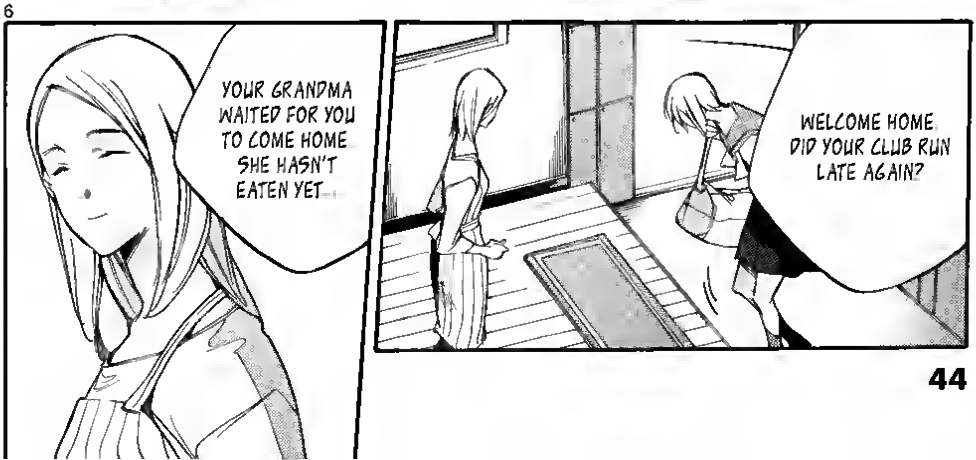
YOUR GRANDMA WAITED FOR YOU TO COME HOME SHE HASN'T EATEN YET...
WELCOME HOME DID YOUR CLUB RUN LATE AGAIN?

GRANDMA WANTED TO EAT TOGETHER WITH YOU
GRANDMA, YOU SHOULDN'T WAIT FOR ME TO GET HOME
YOU WERE HUNGRY, WEREN'T YOU?

DO YOU HAVE A TOURNAMENT COMING UP SOON?
YOU'VE BEEN PRACTICING A LOT LATELY...
YEAH...
THERE'S A FIRST YEAR WHO JOINED US WHO IS REALLY GOOD
WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO HAVE TO COMPETE AGAINST EACH OTHER FOR A SPOT ON THE TEAM...
OH MY,
THAT SOUNDS DIFFICULT...
YEAH...
I'M GOING TO BE COMING HOME EVEN MORE LATER THAN I ALREADY AM
YOU SHOULD JUST EAT WITHOUT ME
DON'T WORRY ABOUT WAITING FOR ME...

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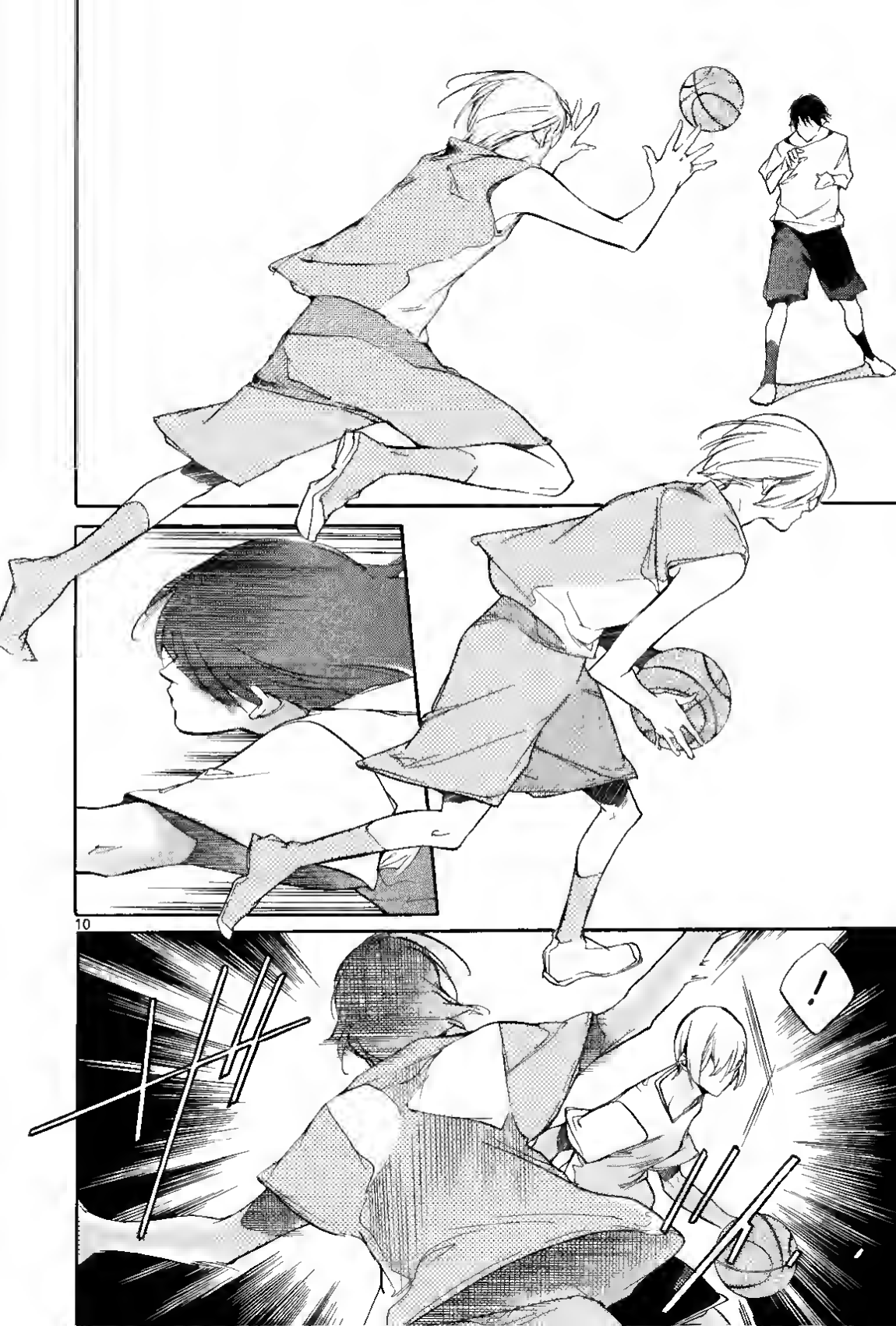
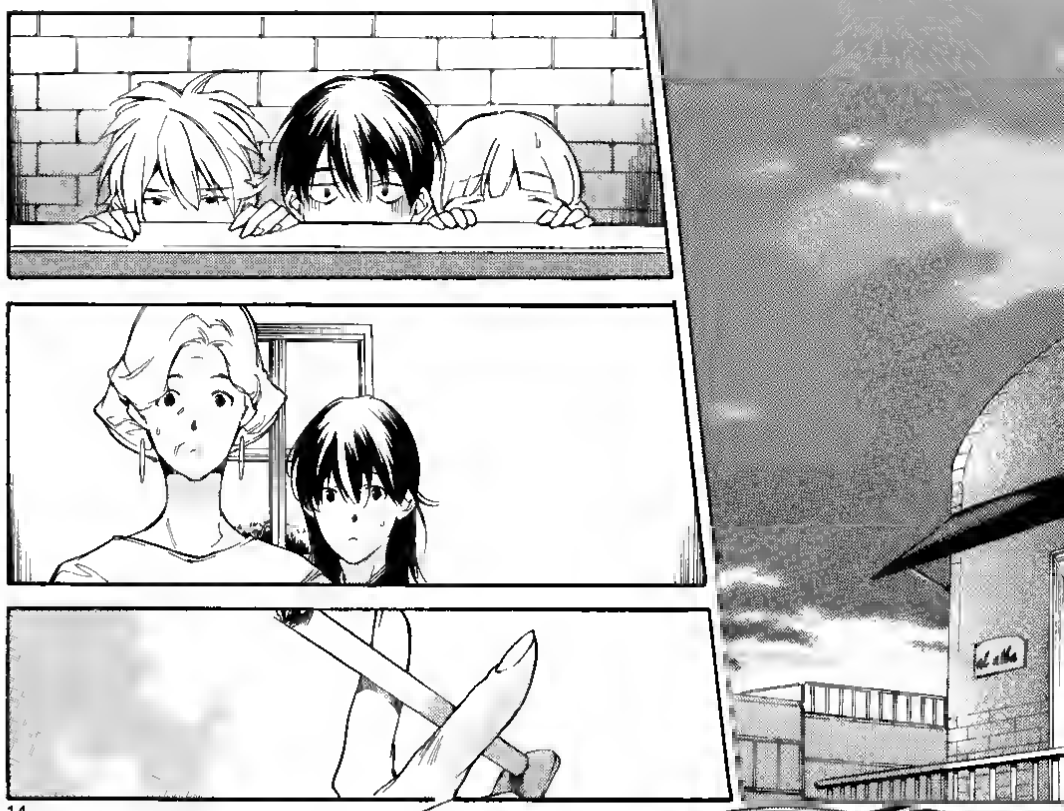
FUJIMOTO!



I THINK TAKARA IS GOING TO BE LATE AGAIN TODAY...
.....
GRANDMA ARE YOU HUNGRY?
...
LET'S SEE... IT'S ABOUT KAWAUCHIMIWA SENSE!
IF I RECALL, TAKARA WENT TO SEE HER PLAYS OFTEN DURING MIDDLE SCHOOL..
AH, THAT'S RIGHT
THERE WAS A POSTCARD FOR YOU
AS CELEBRATION OF KAWAUCHI SENSEI'S RETIREMENT, WE WILL BE HOLDING A SMALL BIRTHDAY LIVE PERFORMANCE
APPARENTLY, SHE'S RETIRING

PLEASE GO SEE IT WITH TAKARA I'M SURE SHE WOULD APPRECIATE IT
YES... I THINK I WILL
SHE'S PUSHING HERSELF TOO HARD, I'M SURE SHE COULD USE THE SMALL BREAK...
I THINK I'LL TRY ASKING HER WHEN SHE COMES HOME
I MIGHT EVEN SEE HER SMILE AGAIN...



UM... ABOUT YOUR VISIT, KAWAUCHI SENSEI
YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE YOU ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO PERFORM AT YOUR BIRTHDAY LIVE PERFORMANCE, IS THAT CORRECT..?
THAT'S RIGHT
I'M TIRED OF ALL THESE STUCK-UP PEOPLE THINKING AS IF THEY'RE DOING ME A FAVOR, WHEN IT'S QUITE THE OPPOSITE
WHAT I REALLY WANTED WAS A LITTLE PRESENT FROM TAKASHI-KUN
BUT UNFORTUNATELY, HE'S STILL A MINOR...
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IF YOU KIDS PERFORMED, I'M SURE IT'D BE QUITE THE SPECTACLE
I MEAN THAT IN A POSITIVE WAY, OF COURSE

...
WELL, IF YOU WANT TO COME CELEBRATE, YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME!
JUST DON'T FORGET, IT'S THIS FRIDAY NIGHT
MORINO SENSEI, WHAT SHOULD WE DO..

REALLY~
BUT EVEN THEN, IT WAS REALLY SCARY TALKING TO HER
DON'T WORRY, SHE'S NOT THE TYPE TO GIVE PRAISE EASILY, SHE WASN'T BEING SARCASTIC
RATHER, I'M HAPPY THAT SHE WAS WILLING TO TALK TO US AT ALL..

HUH?!
DELICIOUS, YOU SAY?!
EITHER WAY, THE FOOD SHOULD BE DELICIOUS, SO WHY DON'T WE GIVE THEM A VISIT AFTER YOUR CLASSES ARE OVER?
I DON'T THINK THAT'S TRUE

...

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YES!
Well, I'm fine with it
He's drooling
IN THAT CASE, SHALL WE PRACTICE OUR SOLEA FOR WHEN WE GO VISIT THEM?

A FLA-
MENCO
PERFOR-
MANCE?
YES, A
FLAMENCO
PERFORMANCE!

YOU USED TO
WATCH HER
PERFORMANCES
A LOT WHEN YOU
WERE IN MIDDLE
SCHOOL...
DON'T YOU
REMEMBER
KAWAUCHI
SENSEI?
YEAH...
YOU REALLY
LIKED TO
WATCH IT,
I REMEMBER

THERE'S GOING TO BE A BIRTHDAY LIVE PERFORMANCE THIS FRIDAY
WHY DON'T WE GO TOGETHER AND WATCH?
I DON'T KNOW...
I DON'T THINK I CAN TAKE A DAY OFF FROM BASKETBALL PRACTICE...
IS THAT SO...
BUT I THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE A SPECIAL ONE
WE GOT THIS POSTCARD INVITATION, SO WE CAN GO WHENEVER...
EVEN IF IT'S FOR JUST A SHORT WHILE
LET'S GO TOGETHER

OKAY...

TODAY,
IN THIS FRIDAY
MORNING, THERE IS
A LARGE AMOUNT
OF UNEXPECTED
RAIN IN THE AREA
IF YOU
HAVE PLANS
TO LEAVE
YOUR HOME,
PLEASE TAKE
CAUTION...

A STORM ON THE DAY OF THE PERFORMANCE...
I WONDER IF PEOPLE WILL STILL SHOW UP...
WHAT A STROKE OF BAD LUCK, HUH?
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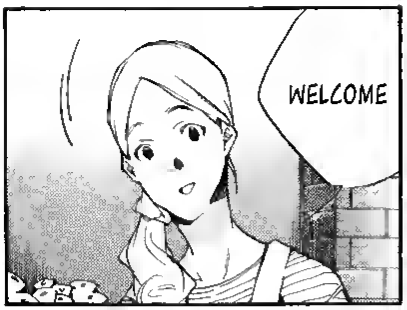
IT'LL BE REALLY SAD IF NO ONE SHOWS UP...
...
WELL...
YOU GUYS WANT TO GO?

LET'S GO!
He's drooling again
Let's pretend we didn't see anything

AH.. SHOULD WE BUY SOME FLOWERS?
HUH?
FLOWER
AH...
RATHER, SHE MIGHT GET ANGRY IF WE DIDN'T BRING ANYTHING AT ALL..

I'M TOTALLY OUT OF MONEY, SO CAN YOU SPOT ME?
I BOUGHT A PHOTO-ALBUM JUST RECENTLY
I'll get you back next month

IT'S FINE,
I'LL BUY THEM FOR US, SO YOU GO AHEAD
THANKS
Okay~


WELCOME

UMM...
I NEED TO GET SOME FLOWERS FOR AN ACQUAINTANCE'S BIRTHDAY

OR IF THERE IS ANY PARTICULAR CHARACTERISTIC OF THIS PERSON THAT MATCHES THE LIKENESS OF A FLOWER, IF SO, I COULD GIVE YOU SOME RECOMMEN-DATIONS...
IN THAT CASE, DO YOU KNOW IF THE PERSON IN QUESTION HAS ANY PREFERENCES?

OF COURSE!
IS THERE ANY PARTICULAR FLOWER YOU PREFER?

NO, I DIDN'T HAVE A PARTICULAR FLOWER IN MIND..
AH...

If we're talking about image...
MAYBE A CARNIVOROUS PLANT?
ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD COME UP WITH AN ARRANGEMENT BASED ON THE BUDGET YOU HAVE IN MIND...
AH, IN THAT CASE, PLEASE DO...
ALRIGHT, I'LL DO JUST THAT
Perhaps it could be something else, more like...
If it was for a different person...

Wow...
This one's pretty cute...
If it was for Fujimoto-san...
ばっ

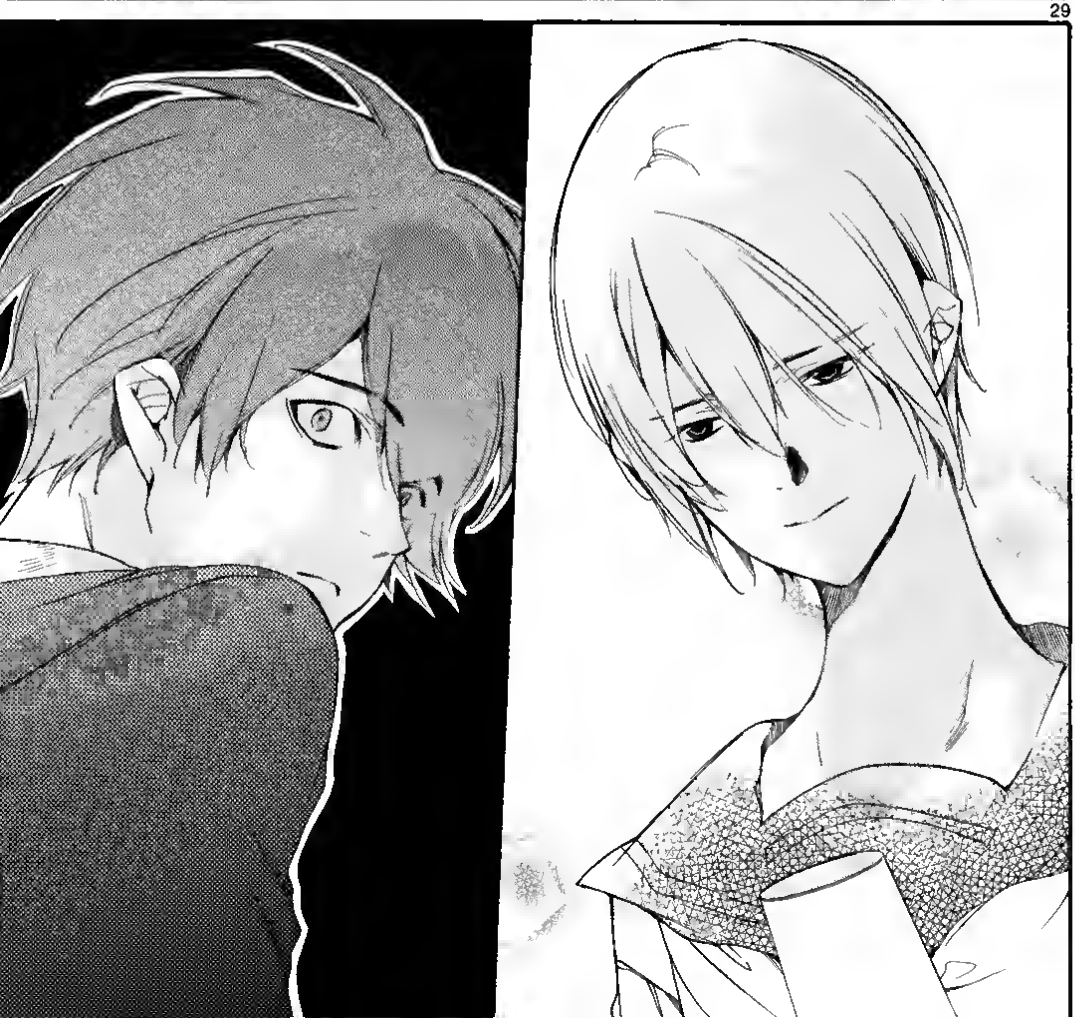
!
IS THAT FLOWER TO YOUR LIKING?
Wha... No way... Is that Fujimoto -san?!
WOULD YOU LIKE FOR ME TO MAKE A BOUQUET OUT OF THOSE FLOWERS?
IT'S NAMED BLUE STAR
IT'S QUITE PRETTY, ISN'T IT?
本日貸し切り
河内美和
birthday live
Is Fujimoto -san coming to Kawauchi sensei's live performance? That can't be...
Huh...
I'm pretty sure she went in here...

I don't see Fujimoto-san here...
...
There's a lot more people here than I would have thought...

Ah
Ah
Of course
You're learning Canto?
Really~
you should let me hear you sing sometime

GRANDMA, I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING TO DRINK.

Looks like everyone's having a lot of fun



She's really here
THANK YOU
ALRIGHT, I GOTTA GET BACK TO PRACTICE...
HUH? ALREADY?
YEAH...
THAT GIRL IS A LOT BETTER THAN I ORIGINALLY THOUGHT...

I...
I JUST KEEP LOSING TO HER...
...

I'LL TELL MOM TO COME GET YOU AFTER
SORRY...
I WANT TO GIVE IT MY BEST UNTIL THEN..
THE DECISIONS FOR THE REGULAR LINEUP IS COMING SOON

…
ダン…

OH, SO YOU DID COME!
UM..
AH, HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENSEI
THANK YOU
I'VE BEEN WORKING ON SOLEA LATELY.
BY THE WAY, WHAT KIND OF SONGS HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING ON LATELY?
AH
NO...
REALLY,
THE STAGE IS OPEN RIGHT NOW, DO YOU WANT TO DANCE?

MY MY, STILL PLAYING THE COWARD?
ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO BECOME THE OWNER THOSE RED SHOES DESERVE?
I...
If I dance...
I'LL DO IT...
If I become more confident in myself, maybe I can go to her...

These flowers...
Maybe I can give her
And if I do go to her
After that...
WELL THEN, GO AHEAD

ハア

* CALL SIGNALS TO COMMUNICATE WITH MUSICIANS TO ANNOUNCE CHANGE IN RHYTHM SIGNAL START OF A DANCE, OR TO SIGNIFY THE VARIATION OF DANCE

IT WAS AUDACIOUS TO THE POINT OF BREAKING YOUR SHOES
VERY MUCH LIKE YOURSELF, AM I RIGHT?
ICHIKAWA-KUN! TAKE CARE OF THESES SHOES FOR ME!!
AH OKAY...
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
?

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SAY
WHAT WAS THIS FLOWER CALLED?
AH, THAT PRETTY ONE, WHAT WAS IT CALLED AGAIN?
OH, THAT
I THINK I KNOW...
ISN'T IT CALLED, BLUE STAR?

!
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FU...
FUJI...

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY
IT MEANS TRUST, ESPECIALLY THE TRUST BETWEEN THE RECIPIENT AND THE SENDER
I SEE..

ABOUT THOSE SHOES YOU HAVE THERE...
WOULD YOU LET ME SEE THEM FOR A MOMENT?
EXCUSE ME..
...

IT JUST SEEMS SO NOSTALGIC..
IT LOOKS REALLY SIMILAR TO THE SHOES I BOUGHT FOR MY GRANDDAUGHTER

BUT IT BELONGS TO A FRIEND, SO PLEASE BE CAREFUL WITH IT
YES, PLEASE, GO AHEAD

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HOW PRETTY...

CHAPTER 25
SNEEZE

藤本
ACHOO!
総合病院
2
YOU LOOK SO HAPPY EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE HOSPITALIZED
YOU'RE WEIRD, GRANDMA

WE SHOULDN'T HAVE GONE TO THAT PERFORMANCE WHILE IT WAS RAINING OUTSIDE
CATCHING A COLD AT YOUR AGE IS NO JOKE
EVEN SO
THERE WAS SOMETHING WONDERFUL!
3
...
IT'S A SECRET
YOU'RE SO WEIRD, GRANDMA
LIKE WHAT?

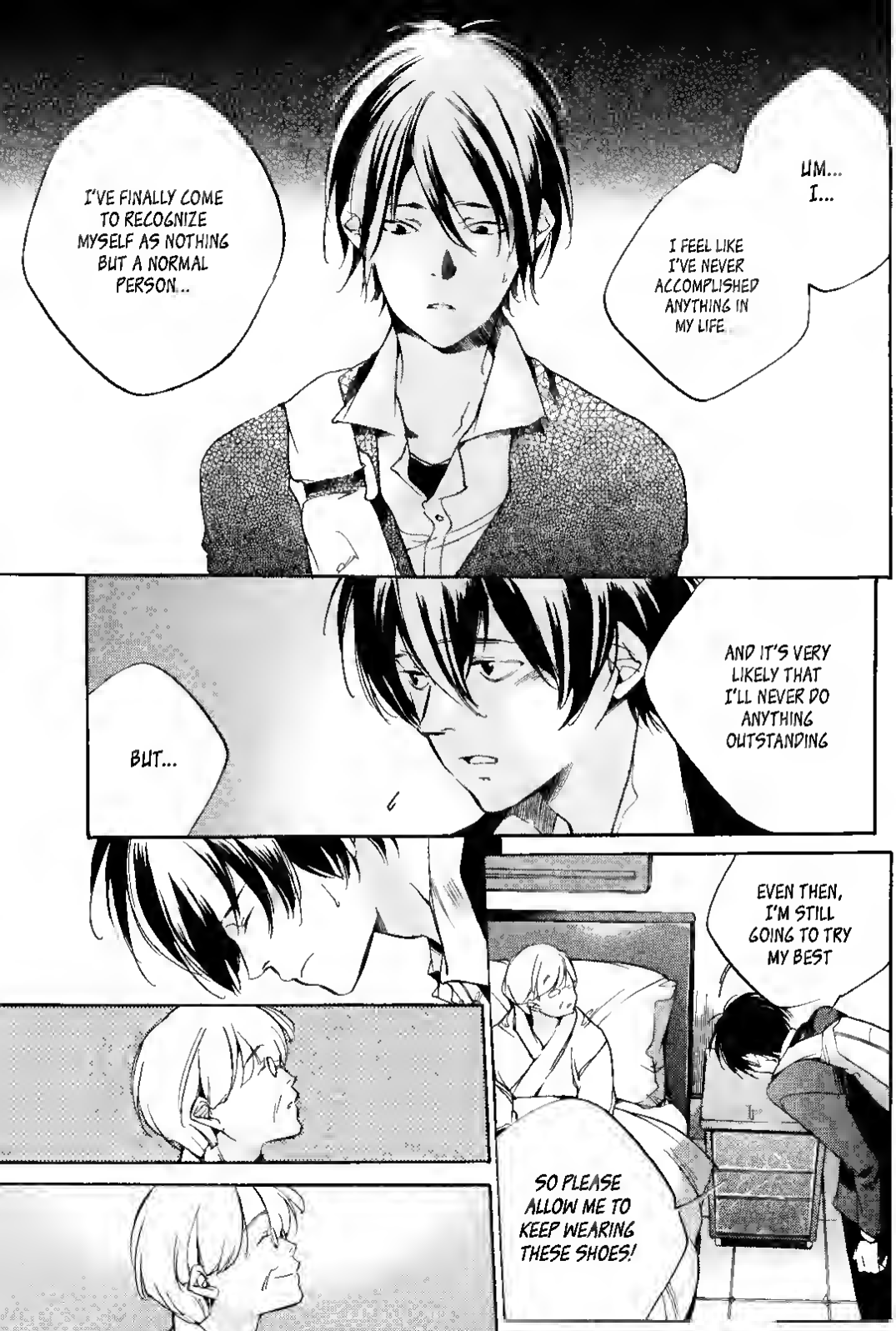
I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO MY PRACTICE..
OH, ALREADY?
THE MATCHES START NEXT MONTH.
THEY'RE PROBABLY GOING TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE REGULARS TODAY
OH...
I'VE BEEN ALL ANXIOUS UNTIL NOW, BUT
SEEING YOU SMILE LIKE THAT, I'VE COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT
I'M HEADING OUT..
TAKE CARE, TAKARA...

SHE'S GONE, YOU CAN COME OUT...
close shut

N..NO
I'M NO PRINCE...
IF SHE KNEW I FOUND THE RED SHOED PRINCE BEFORE HER
SHE'D BE ANGRY WITH ME FOR SURE
I'M SORRY I BROKE THE SHOES, I KNOW THEY WERE VERY IMPORTANT TO YOU
I'LL DEFINITELY HAVE THEM FIXED...
SPEAKING OF WHICH
THAT'S WHY I NOTICED IT THAT NIGHT...
THIS LITTLE PIECE OF DECORATION HERE, I PUT IT ON THE SHOES MYSELF
HOW NOSTALGIC...

AH...
YOU REMEMBERED THAT...
ACTUALLY, EVEN BEFORE THAT, I MET YOU BEFORE AND YOU WERE KIND ENOUGH TO HELP ME
AND THAT'S WHEN I REALIZED THAT YOU LOOKED FAMILIAR SOMEHOW
AND YOU LED ME ALL THE WAY TO SCHOOL...
REMEMBER? DURING THE NEW STUDENT CEREMONY, I WAS LOST AT THE STATION

NO, IT'S NOTHING
THAT DAY...
OF COURSE I REMEMBER
I'M VERY HAPPY THAT YOU REMEMBERED AN OLD LADY LIKE MYSELF
I had given up on myself...
EVEN FOR ME
THAT WAS A VERY IMPORTANT DAY OF MY LIFE...
But I was reborn that day...
...


I'VE FINALLY COME TO RECOGNIZE MYSELF AS NOTHING BUT A NORMAL PERSON...
UM... I...
I FEEL LIKE I'VE NEVER ACCOMPLISHED ANYTHING IN MY LIFE
AND IT'S VERY LIKELY THAT I'LL NEVER DO ANYTHING OUTSTANDING
BUT...
EVEN THEN, I'M STILL GOING TO TRY MY BEST
SO PLEASE ALLOW ME TO KEEP WEARING THESE SHOES!

IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE BORED, DON'T HESITATE TO COME SEE TAKARA!
I'M SURE SHE KNOWS...
THE KIND OF WONDERFUL PERSON YOU ARE...
AND HOW HAPPY YOU ARE WITH THOSE SHOES

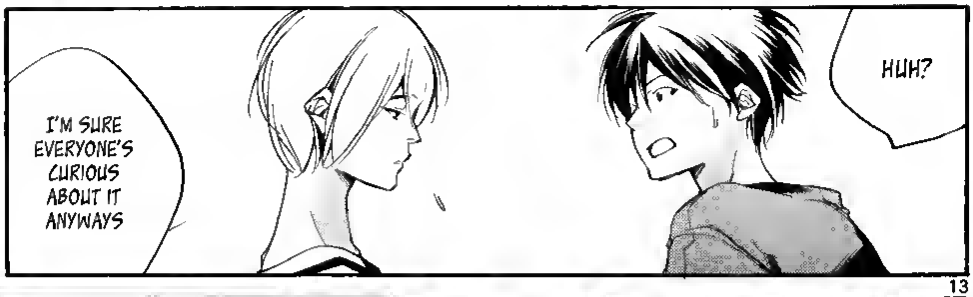
FUJIMOTO -SENPAI!

WILL YOU PRACTICE WITH ME?

DID I JUST HEAR THAT RIGHT, MIYAMOTO...
WHAT?
NO IT'S FINE

WHAT I'M SAYING IS...

I'VE GOT TO SHOW THE COACH
THAT I'M MORE TALENTED THAN YOU ARE...


I'M SURE EVERYONE'S CURIOUS ABOUT IT ANYWAYS
HUH?

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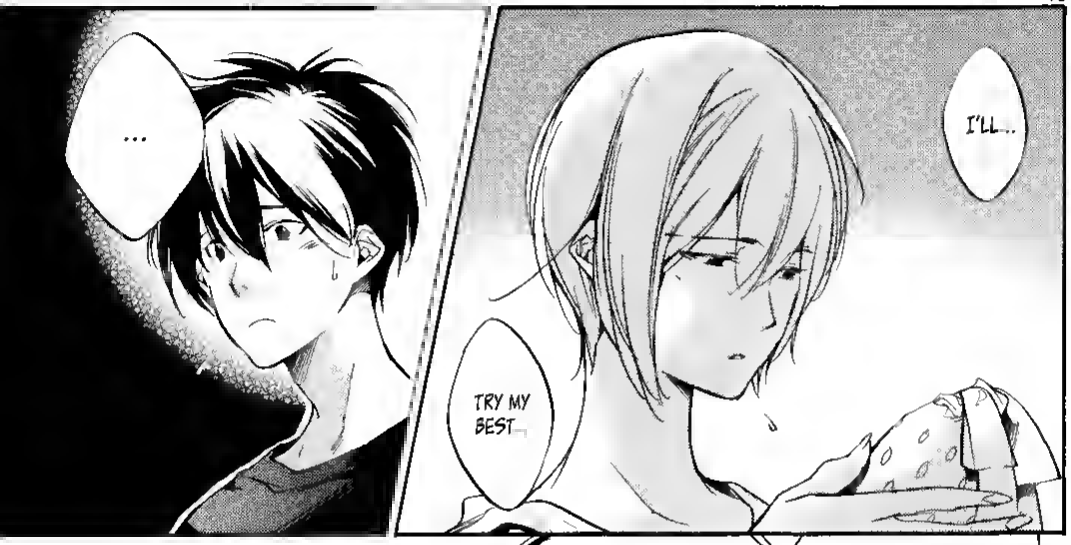
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I'LL...
TRY MY BEST

WELL THEN, DO YOU WANT TO PLAY HALF COURT AND GO FOR POINTS?

OKAY, BUT... WILL YOU BE FINE?
TAKE THIS FOR ME
TSUBAKI -CHAN .

MARI
-CHAN
AH...
YOU SHOULDN'T BE TOO OVER-CONFIDENT.
DON'T WORRY, EVEN IF I LOSE, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING TO THROW A FIT
AND OF COURSE I'M NOT GOING TO COME CRYING TO YOU EITHER, SO DON'T WORRY
...

WELL THEN
HERE I COME

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DON'T GO DIVING ON ME
ARE YOU TRYING TO CALL FOUL?

IT'S NOT LIKE I'M ALL THAT SURPRISED
WELL...
OR PERHAPS YOU'RE ACTUALLY THIS WEAK?
THOSE ARE BASKETBALL SHOES, RIGHT?
I WAS THINKING ABOUT GETTING SOME NEW SHOES SOON
IF I BEAT YOU HERE,
DO YOU MIND GIVING THOSE TO ME?

NEXT...
IT'S MY TURN...
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Is it left, or right?
It's left

No, it's right...
Ah...
She's so easy to read...

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SORRY...
I WON'T GIVE THEM UP..

HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
shoes
靴修理

THERE'S A BREAK AT THE BOTTOM OF SOLE
YOU MIGHT BE BETTER OFF GETTING A NEW PAIR...
AFTERWARDS HOWEVER, THEY PROBABLY WON'T LAST MUCH USE...
No way...
DOES THAT MEAN THESE SHOES CAN'T BE WORN ANYMORE?
CAN'T YOU FIX THEM SOMEHOW?
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THESE SHOES...
THEY'RE VERY IMPORTANT TO ME!
WELL...
I CAN'T MAKE ANY PROMISES, BUT I'LL DO WHAT I CAN...

al alba
NO WAY!
GAH!
SENSEI! THIS SOLEA'S VOCALS ARE WAY TOO DIFFICULT!
IS THAT SO?
IT'S OFTEN CALLED THE MOTHER OF FLAMENCOS
IT'S NO WONDER WHY IT'S SO DIFFICULT
LET'S TRY OUR BEST...
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This guy too...
I don't get it~
...

AH~
IF IT WASN'T FOR ICHINOSE -KUN AND HIS RED SHOES DRAGGING US INTO THIS
WE WOULDN'T BE SUFFERING LIKE THIS..
THAT'S TRUE...
IF I DIDN'T PICK UP THE GUITAR
I'D PROBABLY BE AT HOME EATING SNACKS AND LAZING AROUND...

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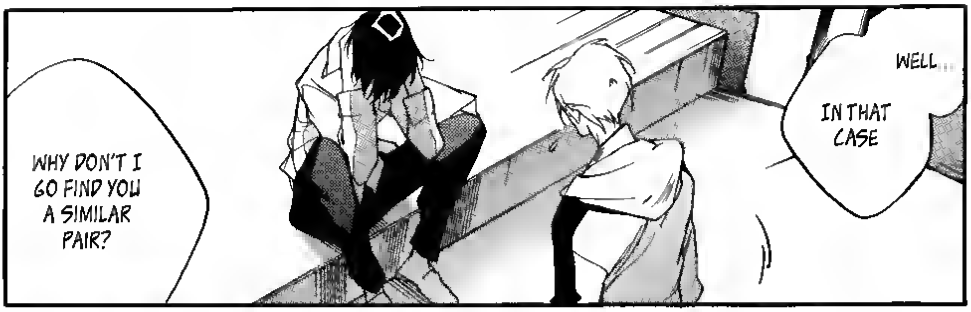
...
FOR ME...
IT'D PROBABLY BE WASTING AWAY MY DAYS PLAYING GAMES

AH
ICHINOSE -KUN
HEY
!
HUH...

DEAR...
THESE RED SHOES
THEY CAN'T BE FIXED ANYMORE, CAN THEY...
...


WELL...
IN THAT CASE
WHY DON'T I GO FIND YOU A SIMILAR PAIR?

IF WE LOOK AT INTERNATIONAL STORES, I'M SURE THERE ARE ONES WITH BIG HEELS
I'LL ASK MY SISTER..
IT'S NO GOOD..

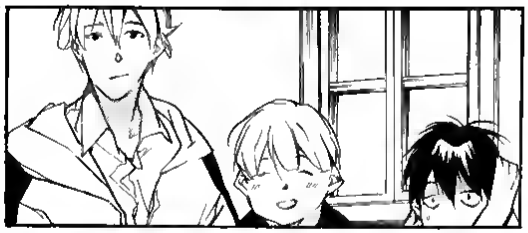
IT'S NO GOOD AT ALL...
IF IT ISN'T THOSE SHOES, THERE'S NO POINT
THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE...
IT'S WHAT LED ME OUT OF MY PATHETIC LIFE
IT WAS ONE OF A KIND...

I CAN'T SEE FUJIMOTO -SAN LIKE THIS..
I'VE BECOME LOST AGAIN
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ANYMORE...

SAY...
DO YOU WANT TO HOLD A PERFORMANCE HERE AT THIS TABLAO?

LET'S CONSIDER IT OUR THANKS TO THESE SHOES...
AND TO ICHINOSE-SAN FOR REVIVING THE PASSION IN MY HEART
HUH...
IF IT WASN'T FOR ICHINOSE -SAN AND HIS SHOES, THIS PLACE WOULD STILL BE CLOSED...
THIS TABLAO

FINDING MY BEAUTIFUL VOICE
AND ICHIKAWA -KUN ESCAPING FROM HIS JUNK FOOD LIFE .
IT WAS ALL THANKS TO ICHINOSE-KUNS PROPENSITY TO WEAR A WOMAN'S SHOES



YEP
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA

BUT EVEN WITHOUT THE SHOES...
THE MEMORIES OF THE TIME WE'VE SPENT TOGETHER
IT'S ALL STILL THERE WITH US
WELL, ANYWAYS...

UNTIL YOU'RE READY TO WEAR NEW SHOES
WE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU HERE

...
RIGHT...?
SWITCHING GEARS, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU...
SNEEZE
OH DEAR, A COLD?
NO...

WHEN DID YOU GET A GIRL?
That's not fair
Who is Fujimoto -san?

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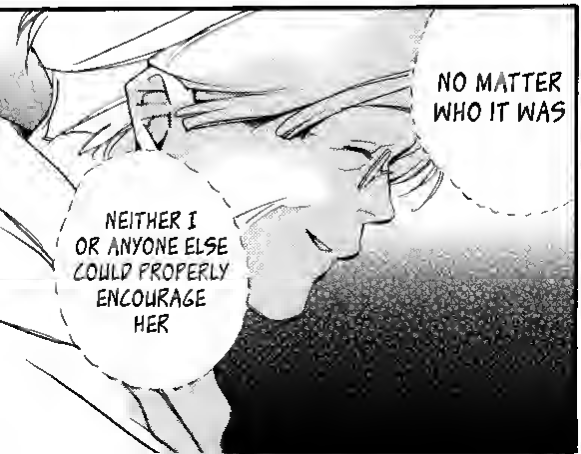
COME IN...

I...
I'M SORRY FOR BOTHERING YOU AGAIN, IT'S ICHINOSE
MAY WE TALK ABOUT THE SHOES?

IT'S ALRIGHT
SHE'S FALLEN ASLEEP...
SHE'S BEEN SO NERVOUS, SHE COULDN'T SLEEP PROPERLY UNTIL NOW...
SHE MADE IT INTO THE REGULARS
!!
IS...
IS THAT TRUE? SHE MADE IT?
THANK GOOD-NESS...

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY!
ACTU-ALLY...
THE SHOES CAN'T BE PROPERLY FIXED ANY-MORE...
SO, WHAT MIGHT BE THE OCCASION?
AH...
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF ME...
I'VE RUINED SOMETHING SO IMPORTANT TO YOU!


NO MATTER WHO IT WAS
NEITHER I OR ANYONE ELSE COULD PROPERLY ENCOURAGE HER

TAKE A LOOK AT HER FACE...
HUH...

BUT LOOK AT HER, SHE LOOKS SO HAPPY NOW...
IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU
YOU'RE AMAZING!
I'M REALLY GLAD THAT IT WAS YOU WHO GOT THOSE SHOES
I COULDN'T BE ANY HAPPIER
RIGHT?
TAKARA...
.....

ACTUALLY...
AS CELEBRATION OF THE SHOE'S LAST PERFORMANCE, THERE IS GOING TO BE AN EVENT AT MY SENSEI'S STUDIO
HOW WONDER-FUL!
LOOKS LIKE TAKARA AND I WILL GET TO SEE YOU DANCE, WON'T WE!
I CAN'T SAY THAT I'M GOOD OR ANY-THING
BUT IF YOU DO HAVE THE TIME, PLEASE DO...
ACHUU!

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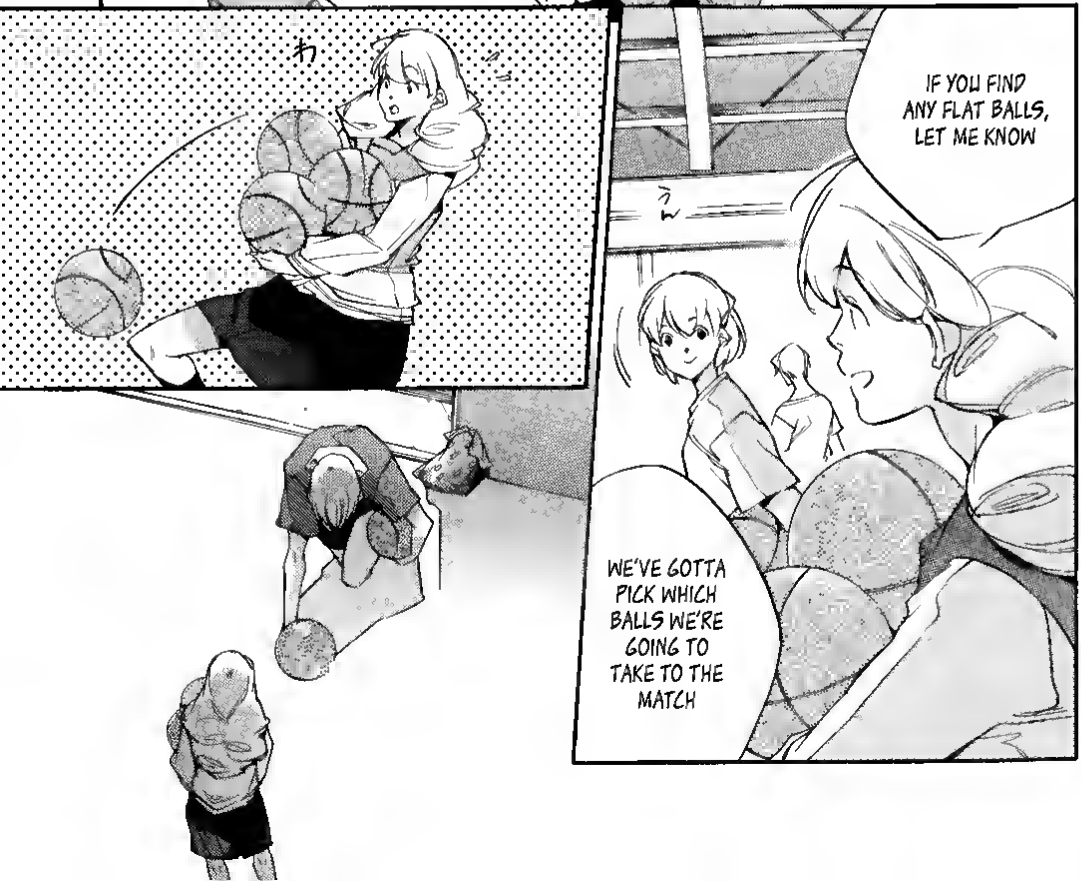
I'LL TRY MY BEST...

CHAPTER 26
I ❤ FUJIMOTO

I HATE MORNING PRACTICE...
I'M SO TIRED...
YAWN...
WE'VE GOT TO GET READY FOR THE MATCH TOMORROW
DON'T GO DOZING OFF WHILE YOU'RE STANDING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IF YOU FIND ANY FLAT BALLS, LET ME KNOW
うん
WE'VE GOTTA PICK WHICH BALLS WE'RE GOING TO TAKE TO THE MATCH

SPEAKING OF WHICH, MIYAMOTO ISN'T COMING, IS SHE
THANKS, TAKARA-CHAN
I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND
SHE WAS SO ARROGANT, AND ALL
BUT SHE'S NOT EVEN GOING TO BE A BACKUP
NOT THAT SHE HAD A CHANCE
.....
RATHER, LET'S STOP TALKING ABOUT THIS
FORGET ABOUT HER

It's not your fault at all, okay!?
...THANKS
Don't worry about it!

SAY, ICHINOSE-KUN
SOLEA GOES LIKE THIS, ONE SONG AFTER THE LLAMADA
AND A REMATE IN BETWEEN
THE SECOND SONG AFTER ANOTHER LLAMADA
AND ANOTHER REMATE
FOLLOWED BY ESCOBILLA, AND ENDING WITH A BULERIAS!
AM I RIGHT?
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YEP.
WHAT ABOUT THE LETRAS?

IS IT OKAY FOR FUJIMOTO-SAN TO BE HEARING A TALE OF TRAGEDY?
A SOLEA'S LETRAS ARE TYPICALLY ONE OF TRAGEDY

UH... WELL...
SHE'S COMING TO THE PERFORMANCE RIGHT?
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE GOING TO CALL HER, RIGHT?

I'LL WRITE THE LYRICS TRUE TO YOUR HEART, SO WAIT FOR ME AFTER SCHOOL

YOU'RE SO HOPELESS, I'LL WRITE UP THE LYRICS

This can't end well...
Yep, the subtitle is going to be Fujimoto LOVE
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HUH?
FUJIMOTO SENPAI'S SHOES?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?
WHAT?!
ISN'T IT CONVENIENT THAT HER SHOES WOULD DISAPPEAR A DAY BEFORE THE MATCH?
MAYBE YOU STOLE THEM SINCE YOU WEREN'T PICKED FOR THE REGULARS
EVEN IF I DID LOSE OUT TO HER, I WOULDN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

FUJI-
MOTO'S
DOING
WHAT
SHE CAN
HMPH
SHE'LL
LOOK FOR IT
DURING
THE BREAK
WELL,
FOR THE
TIME
BEING...

IF IT TURNS OUT YOU WERE INVOLVED
DON'T THINK YOU'LL GET AWAY WITH IT
.....

IT'S NOT HERE EITHER...
TSUBAKI-CHAN...
PRACTICE IS OVER...
TOMORROW'S THE DAY OF THE MATCH, SO YOU SHOULD GO HOME
BUT YOUR SHOES...
WE STILL HAVE TO FIND YOUR SHOES...
IT'S ALRIGHT, I'LL KEEP LOOKING FOR IT A BIT LONGER, BUT I'LL GO HOME SOON
SORRY ABOUT ALL THIS, THANKS FOR HELPING ME LOOK FOR THEM

WELL THEN...
I'LL SEE YOU TO-MORROW
FU...
FUJIMOTO SENPAI!

I... I DIDN'T DO IT!
I DIDN'T STEAL YOUR SHOES!
AH...
OKAY
I REALLY REALLY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT!!
OKAY...
I KNOW YOU DIDN'T TAKE THEM
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE THAT KIND OF PERSON
IF YOU WANTED TO DO SOMETHING, YOU WOULDN'T DO IT IN SUCH A ROUNDABOUT WAY..
HUH

BECAUSE YOU'RE A STRONG PERSON...
LET'S TRY OUR BEST,
SO WE CAN COMPETE TOGETHER AGAIN IN THE FUTURE
MAKE SURE YOU DON'T QUIT ON ME
I'LL SEE YOU LATER...
I...
I WANT TO HELP!

THE SHOES
I WANT TO HELP YOU FIND YOUR SHOES.
SENPAI, YOU SHOULD LOOK FOR IT OVER THERE
I'LL LOOK AROUND HERE.
LET'S SEE .

UM...
SENPAI...
WHAT'S UP, DO YOU WANT TO HELP?
NO...
THAT'S NOT...
I WAS THE ONE WHO TOOK FUJIMOTO SENPAI'S SHOES!

WHAT?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?
WHY'D YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT..
BECAUSE...
I WAS AFRAID OF MARI-CHAN QUITTING THE CLUB...
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO
SO I ENDED UP..
I'M GLAD YOU HAVE SOMEONE THAT CARES ABOUT YOU SO MUCH..
.....
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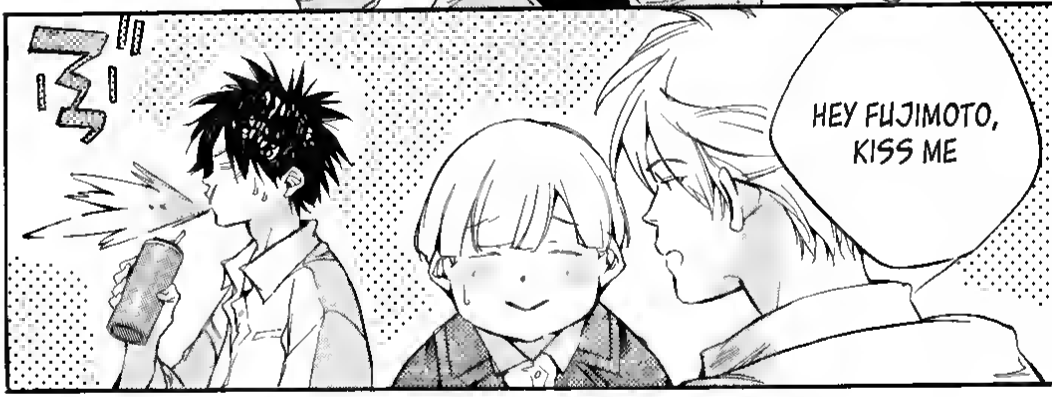
ANYWAYS!
WHERE DID YOU PUT HER SHOES?!
BEHIND THE GYMNASIUM
NEAR SOME OLD EQUIPMENT OVER THERE..
HUH? THAT'S WEIRD...
THERE'S NOTHING HERE...

UM
EXCUSE ME
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE OLD EQUIPMENT THAT WAS HERE WENT?
AH...
WAS THERE SOMETHING YOU NEEDED OUT OF THAT PILE?
THE GARBAGE COLLECTORS CAME AND TOOK THEM
HUH...
THEY WERE RUINED BY THE RAIN, SO THEY WERE REMOVED
IT WAS KIND OF A WASTE, BUT...

¡Hey! Fujimoto, ¡bésame!
HOW'S THAT?
..WHAT DID YOU SAY?
al alba


HEY FUJIMOTO, KISS ME

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ICHINOSE-SAN, COULD YOU COME HERE FOR A MOMENT?
It's a no
I THOUGHT I DID A GOOD IMPRESSION OF YOU...
IS THAT A NO?

I WONDER IF I GOT EVERYONE'S NAME CORRECTLY HERE...
AH YES
al alba
B=kimitaka ichinose
C=hana kikuchi
G=tubura ichikawa
WOW...
IT MIGHT BE A BIT PRE-EMPTIVE BUT,
I WAS THINKING OF DOING A DM* FOR OUR PERFOR-MANCE...

I WOULD HAVE NEVER THOUGHT TO SEE MY OWN NAME ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
IT'S FINALLY HITTING ME NOW, I'M STARTING TO GET NERVOUS

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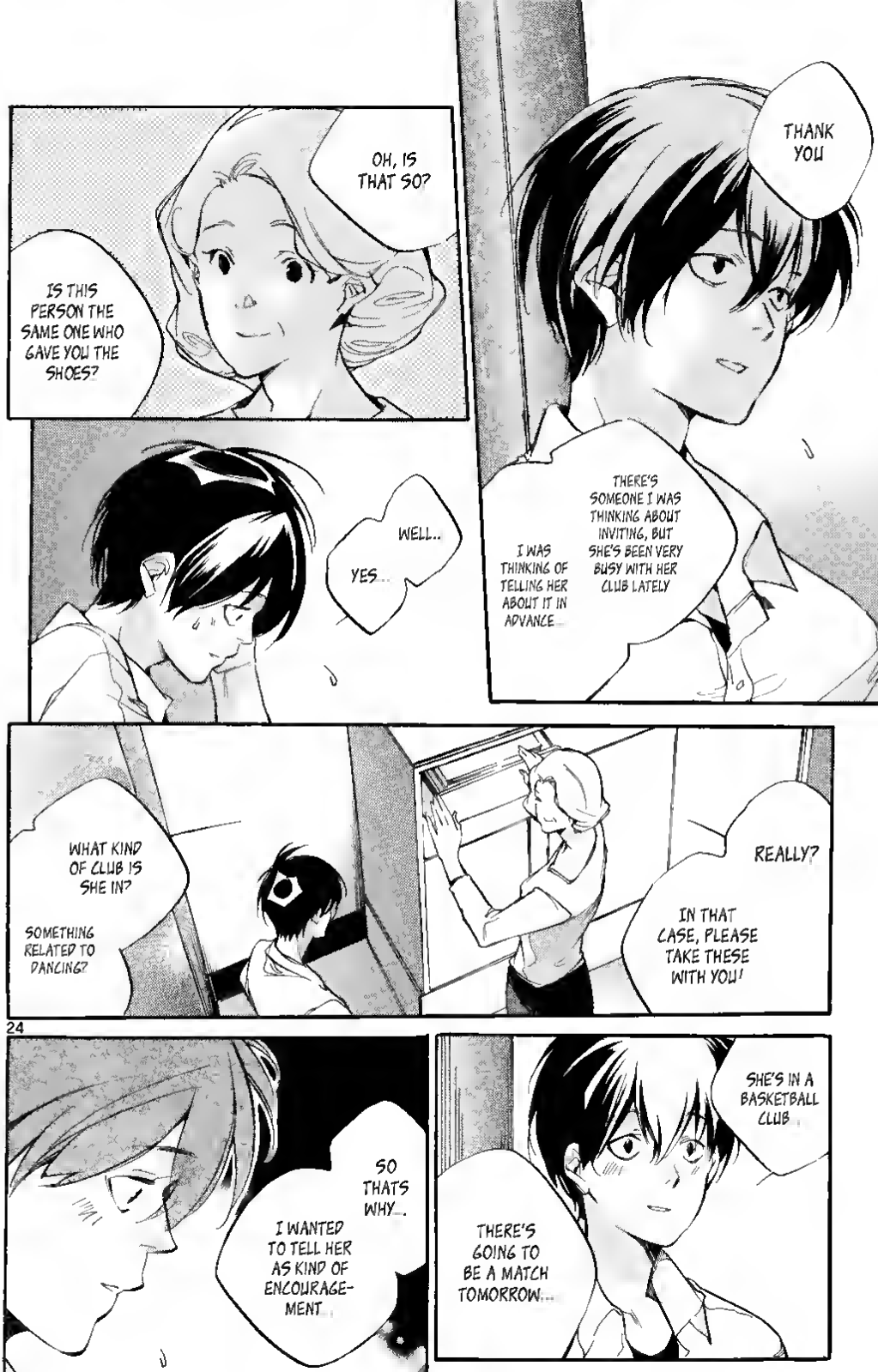
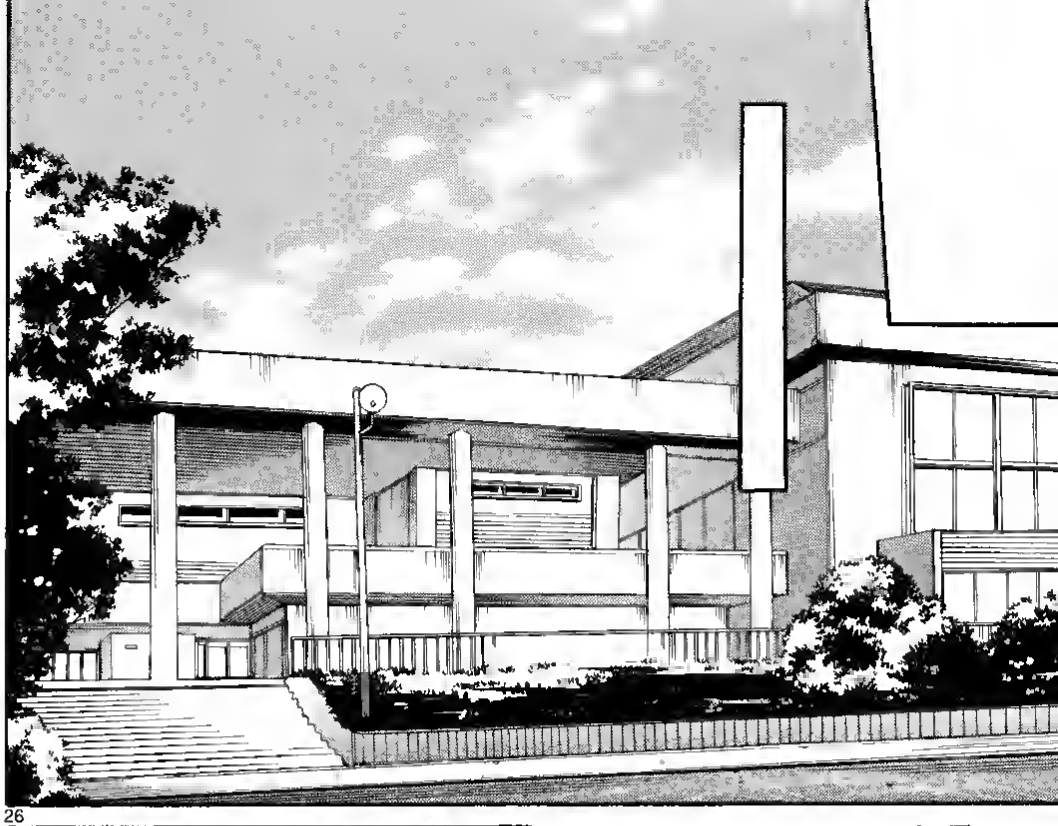
LET'S PRINT THEM OUT FOR EVERYONE SO WE CAN DISTRIBUTE THEM
IF WE LEAVE THEM WHERE THEY ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE, I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE THEM ALL OUT IN NO TIME
BEING NERVOUS IS PART OF GROWING UP


THANK YOU
THERE'S SOMEONE I WAS THINKING ABOUT INVITING, BUT SHE'S BEEN VERY BUSY WITH HER CLUB LATELY
I WAS THINKING OF TELLING HER ABOUT IT IN ADVANCE...
WELL...
YES...
OH, IS THAT SO?
IS THIS PERSON THE SAME ONE WHO GAVE YOU THE SHOES?
REALLY?
IN THAT CASE, PLEASE TAKE THESE WITH YOU!
WHAT KIND OF CLUB IS SHE IN?
SOMETHING RELATED TO DANCING?
SHE'S IN A BASKETBALL CLUB.
THERE'S GOING TO BE A MATCH TOMORROW...
SO THAT'S WHY...
I WANTED TO TELL HER AS KIND OF ENCOURAGE-MENT...

I SEE
YES
I HOPE IT ALL GOES WELL
I DO TOO...

TOMO-RROW...
ARE YOU GOING?



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MAN~
WHAT A WONDEROUSLY CLEAR WEATHER, IT MOST CERTAINLY SMELLS OF VICTORY!
一般観覧者

Why'd they come along...
OKAY...
COME ON, ICHINOSE-KUN, LET'S GO!
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TADA~
I ♥ FUJIMOTO
huh
I HAD THIS MADE BY AN IDOL-OTAKU CLASSMATE OF MINE
OH I ALMOST FORGOT
I ♥ FUJIMOTO
Scary...
YOU'RE GOING TO WEAR IT FOR SURE!
I PAID QUITE THE SUM FOR THIS

FUJIMOTO -SENPAI
I...
I COULDN'T...

THESE ARE MY SHOES
THEY'RE NO REPLACEMENT FOR YOURS, BUT IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH IT...
...
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...THANKS
!
AH...
SORRY...
I'M A NERVOUS MESS, I MUST LOOK PATHETIC...

THANK YOU FOR THE SHOES...
...
AH ISN'T IT MIYAMOTO
SO, YOU CAME AFTER ALL?
WEREN'T YOU GOING TO QUIT?
!
I JUST CAME HERE BECAUSE—
SHE'S NOT QUITTING!
huh
STARTING FROM TOMORROW, SHE'S GOING TO COME TO PRACTICES
PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER!

RIGHT
WHAT SHE SAID
...
ALRIGHT
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HAVING A FRIEND
IT'S NOT SO BAD
!!!
WHERE'S THE RED SHOED PRINCE?
HE STILL HASN'T SHOWN UP...

I ♥
FUJIMOT

So embarrassing!!!
STOP HIDING ICHINOSE-KUN, IT'S STARTING SOON

It's Fujimoto -san...

SO WHICH ONE'S FUJIMOTO -SAN?
AREN'T YOU GOING TO HAND HER THE DM?
Right, the DM
She was with everyone in the group huddle
No way
She looks off...
Some-thing's not right...
Fujimoto-sama

I hope I don't make a fool of myself...
Over there
Where?

FUJIMOTO!

Ho!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
WHAT'S WRONG, FUJIMOTO?
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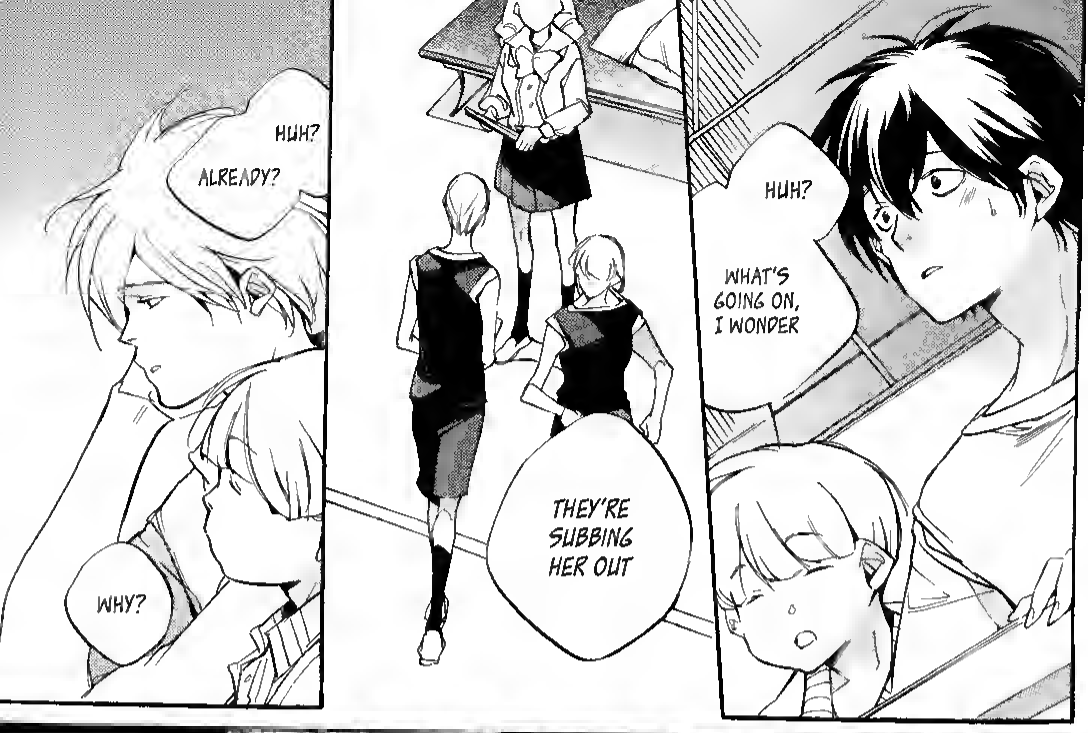
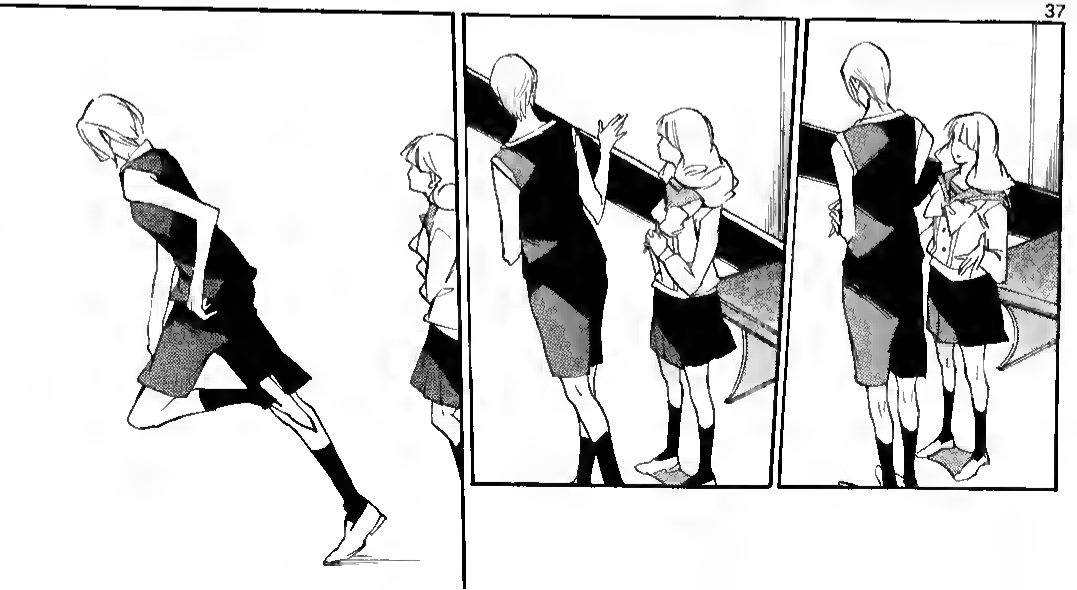
THAT'S NOT IT...
I'M... USE-LESS...
S...
SORRY...
DON'T WORRY, WE STILL GOT A LONG WAY TO GO!


HUH?
ALREADY?
WHY?
THEY'RE SUBBING HER OUT
HUH?
WHAT'S GOING ON, I WONDER

DUNNO...



FINAL CHAPTER
RECKLESSNESS
BECKONS
THE DAWN

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What a way to start...
I couldn't sleep at all...

Fujimoto-sama
IF I keep thinking about this, I'll never get any sleep...
I wonder why Fujimoto-san was crying...

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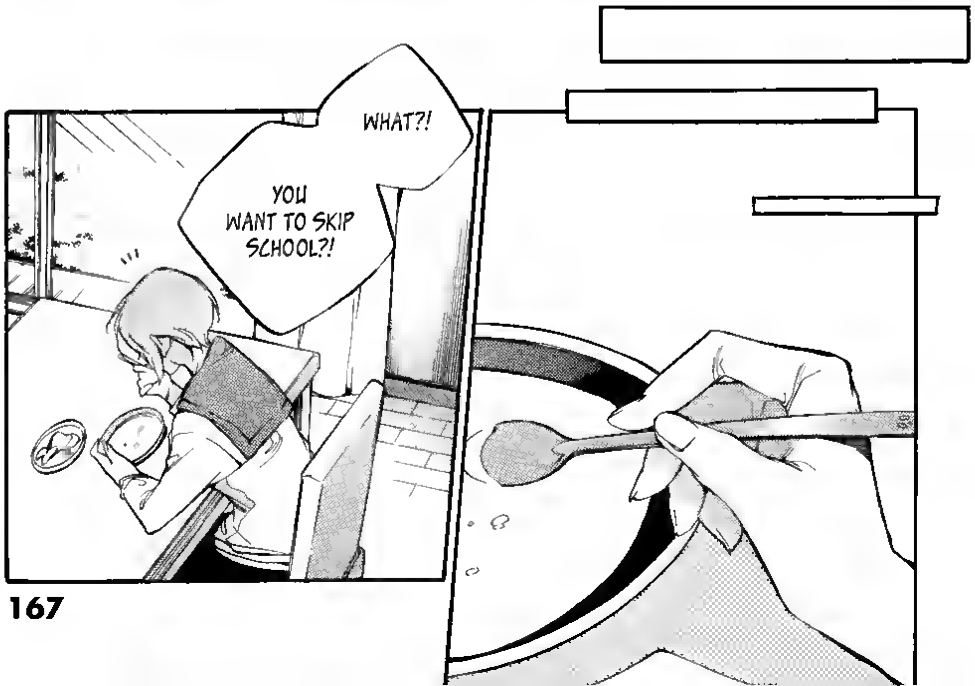
What should I do about school...
I...
I want to see how she's doing


WHAT?!
YOU WANT TO SKIP SCHOOL?!

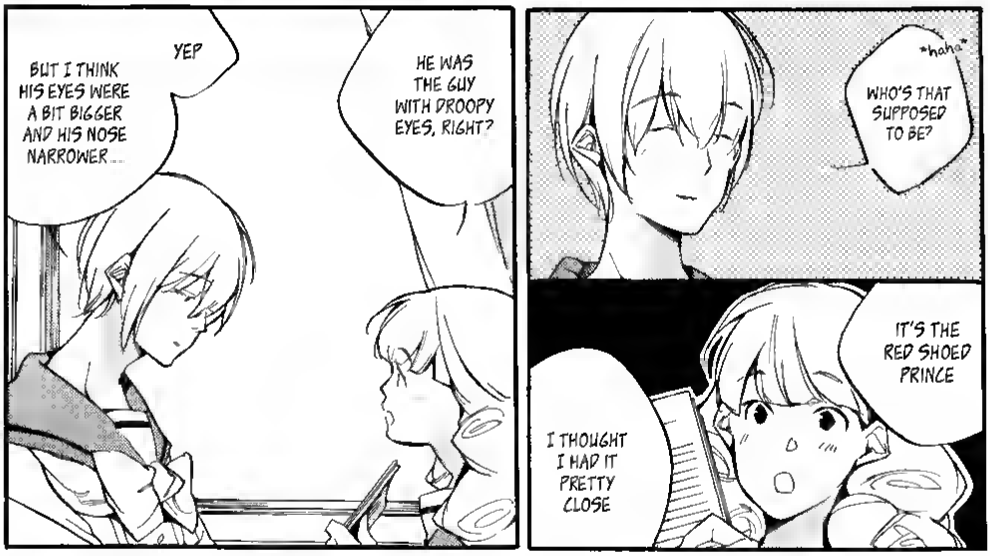
ARE YOU STILL HALF ASLEEP? WHAT'RE YOU THINKING?
NO...
I THOUGHT SINCE THE SCHOOL'S GOING TO CALL YOU ANYWAY
What?
I FIGURED I SHOULD JUST TELL YOU NOW...
WHY DO YOU WANT TO SKIP?
UM
WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO?
WELL...
I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHAT I SHOULD DO...
HUH?
BUT...

BUT...
I'M HEADING OUT!
HUH?!
WAIT...
Where are you...

WHAT SHOULD WE DO...
YOUR BROTHER WENT OFF THE RAILS
Fujimoto
...
Fujimoto

IT WAS REALLY BAD LUCK THAT YOUR SHOES DIS-APPEARED, BUT
YOU'VE GOTTEN THIS FAR BY YOUR STRENGTH ALONE
HAVE SOME CONFIDENCE
THIS TIME, WE WERE LUCKY WE MANAGED TO PULL OFF A WIN, BUT
WITHOUT YOU, WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE...
I'M SORRY...
I'VE CAUSED SO MUCH TROUBLE...
...
I'LL TRY MY BEST...

I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT!
TAKARA-CHAN
CHEER UP!
WELL SEE YOU AFTER SCHOOL


BUT I THINK HIS EYES WERE A BIT BIGGER AND HIS NOSE NARROWER...
YEP
HE WAS THE GUY WITH DROOPY EYES, RIGHT?
haha
WHO'S THAT SUPPOSED TO BE?
I THOUGHT I HAD IT PRETTY CLOSE
IT'S THE RED SHOED PRINCE

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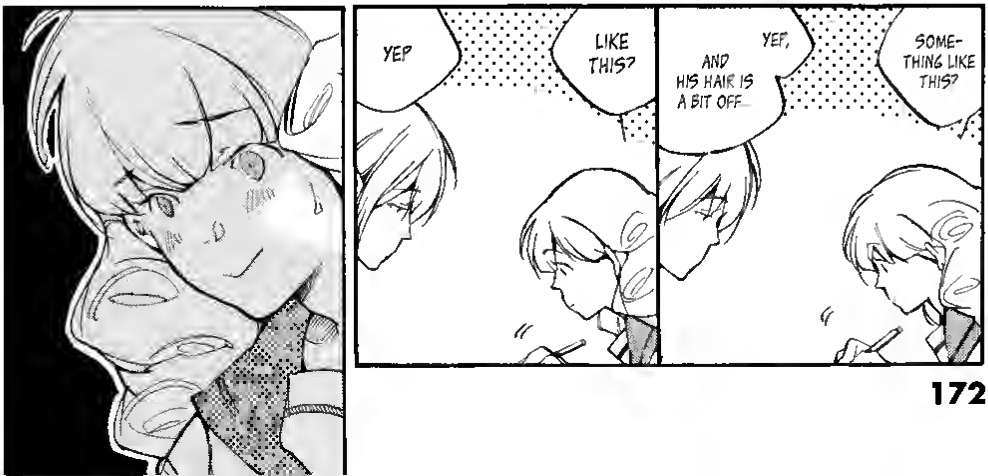
YEP
LIKE THIS?
YEP, AND HIS HAIR IS A BIT OFF...
SOME-THING LIKE THIS?

...
IT LOOKS LIKE HIM
NO...
I'M SORRY, TAKARA-CHAN, I MADE HIM LOOK AWFUL!

...

AH! NO FAIR!
WHAT'S THAT, KIKUCHI?
WHAT'S WRONG, KIKUCHI-KUN?
OH UH
IT'S NOTHING

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MUST BE NICE
HUH?
ICHINOSE-KUN IS SKIPPING SCHOOL
HE MIGHT BE OFF TO SEE FUJIMOTO-SAN
WELL
SHE DID RUN OFF DURING THE MATCH AND ENDED UP NOT COMING BACK

SAY
YOU REMEMBER HOW THERE WAS A GROUP CHEERING AT THE MATCH? THERE WAS A GIRL WHO WAS REALLY INTO IT
RIGHT...
AH, DURING HALF-TIME, SHE WENT OUT INTO THE COURT AND STARTED GOING AT IT
YOU KNOW WHAT
LET'S SKIP SCHOOL AND GO SEE ICHINOSE-KUN
HUH?!
YOU JUST WANT TO AVOID LESSONS, DON'T YOU...
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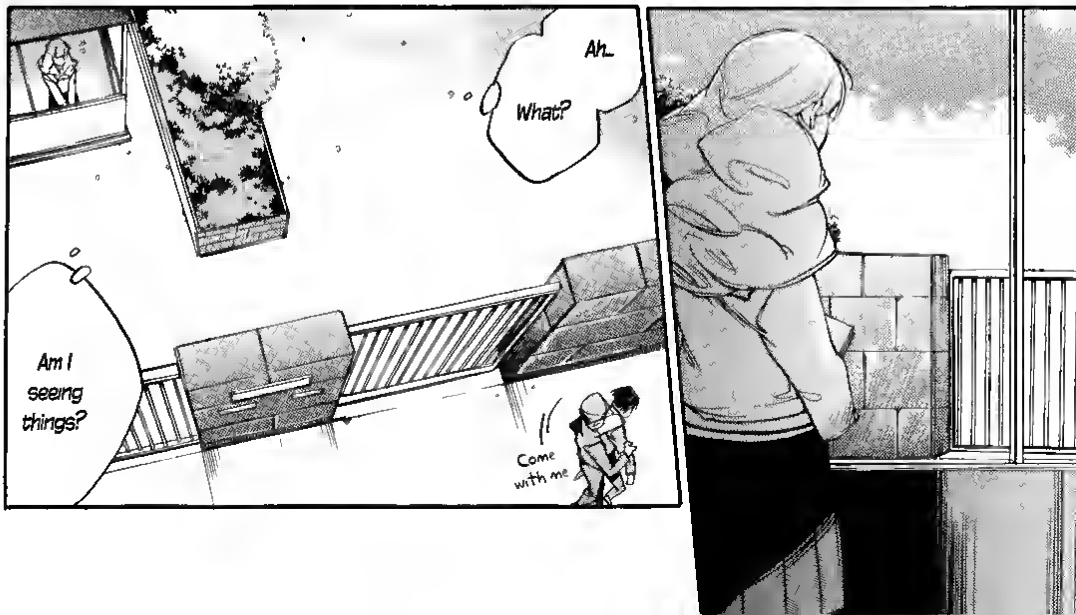
She was crying...

...
He doesn't look anything like a prince...
Is this really Takara-chan's prince?
HEY, YOU!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

Can't breathe~


Ah...
What?
Am I seeing things?
Come with me

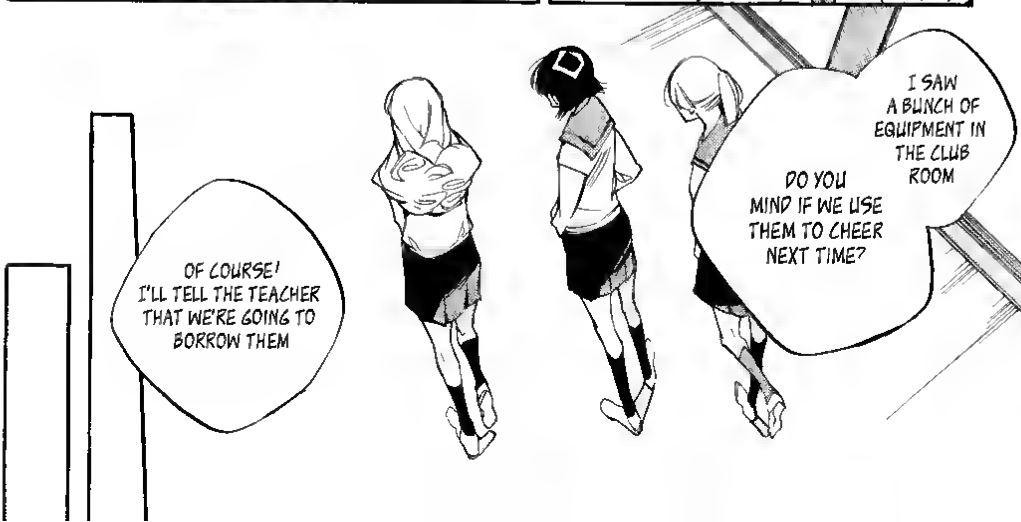
TSUBAKI-SENPAI!
WHAT'S WRONG, MIYAMOTO-SAN?
UM...
DURING THE MATCH, WHEN IT WAS HALF-TIME INTERVAL
WE WANTED TO GO OUT AND CHEER FOR EVERYONE, BUT...
WE ENDED UP CAUSING A LOT OF TROUBLE, SO...
I WAS WONDERING IF WE COULD DO ANYTHING FOR FUJIMOTO-SENPAI...

REALLY?
THAT'S WONDERFUL!
SHE'D BE REALLY HAPPY TO HEAR THAT!

OH, THIS? IT'S TAKARA-CHAN'S PRINCE CHARMING
HUH?!
THAT'S THE RED SHOED PRINCE?!

OH, IS THAT IT
I CAN HARDLY IMAGINE A PRINCE WHO LOOKS LIKE THIS...

NO, NO
SHE WAS JUST BEING CONSIDERATE AND SAID THAT IT KIND OF LOOKS LIKE HIM, THAT'S ALL


I SAW A BUNCH OF EQUIPMENT IN THE CLUB ROOM
DO YOU MIND IF WE USE THEM TO CHEER NEXT TIME?
OF COURSE! I'LL TELL THE TEACHER THAT WE'RE GOING TO BORROW THEM

HEY LOOK, A TRESPASSER
HUH?
WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?
WE GOT KICKED OUT BY THE TEACHER
YOU'RE GOING TO SNEAK IN, RIGHT?
I'LL LEND YOU MY BACK
SO LONG AS YOU GET ME SOME INFO ON THAT GIRL WITH BIG BOOBS FROM THE MATCH
HUH...

IT'D BE NICE IF WE HAD SOMETHING TO WORK WITH..
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE
LET'S SEE...
squeak

GYAA
AAAA
AAAA
AAAA!!

IN THE CLUB ROOM, I SAW HIM!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I SAW FUJIMOTO-SENPAI'S RED SHOED PRINCE!
I SAW HIM!
SENPAI, OVER HERE!
SENPAI?
AH...
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HUH...?
HE'S GONE?
BASKETBALL CLUB

HUH?
I BELIEVE YOU
BUT I SAW HIM THERE A MOMENT AGO!
I'M SURE OF IT!
I TOO
WANT TO SEE HIM..
...

He looks weird
I KNOW IT SOUNDS CRAZY, BUT
FOR FUJIMOTO -SENPAI'S SAKE, I APPRECIATE THE HELP!
SO THAT'S THE GIST OF IT
IF YOU SEE THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT CLASS 1-F MIYAMOTO
THIS GUY KIND OF LOOKS LIKE YOUR BROTHER
hahaha
Fujimoto
Fujimoto
WAIT A MINUTE

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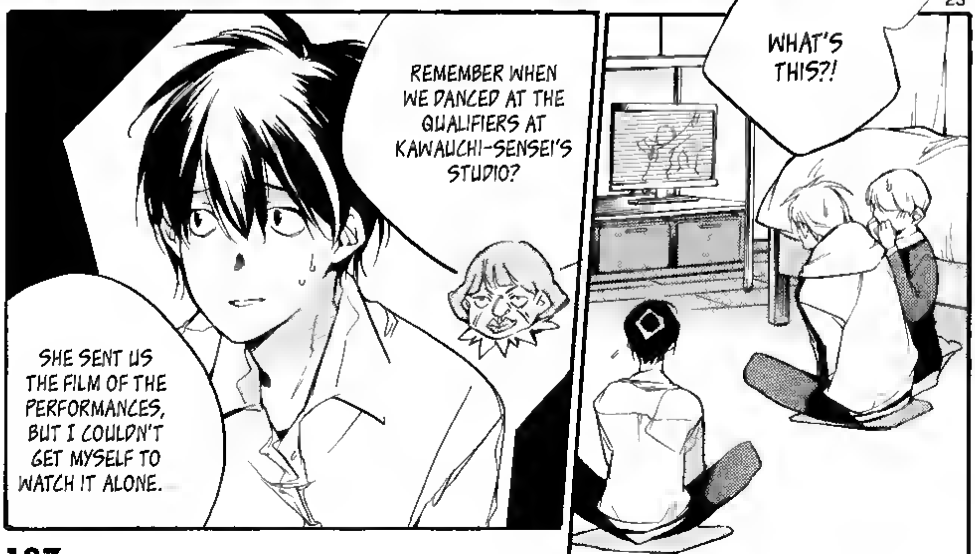
MIYAMOTO -SENPAI
IT MIGHT ACTUALLY BE HIM

CONCERNING THIS PERSON
I MIGHT HAVE AN IDEA AS TO WHO HE IS...


WHOA
WHAT'S THIS?!
REMEMBER WHEN WE DANCED AT THE QUALIFIERS AT KAWAUCHI-SENSEI'S STUDIO?
SHE SENT US THE FILM OF THE PERFORMANCES, BUT I COULDN'T GET MYSELF TO WATCH IT ALONE...

WOW, I REALLY SUCKED DURING THE PERFORMANCE
I THOUGHT I WAS A LITTLE BETTER THAN THAT...
BUT...
HERE WE ARE, SKIPPING SCHOOL
Look at us!
WE FAIL TO SNEAK INTO THE GIRL'S SCHOOL OUT OF OUR OWN INCOMPETENCE, AND NOW WE'RE DEPRESSED OVER OUR PATHETIC PERFORMANCE
WE LOOK REALLY HAPPY...
HUH

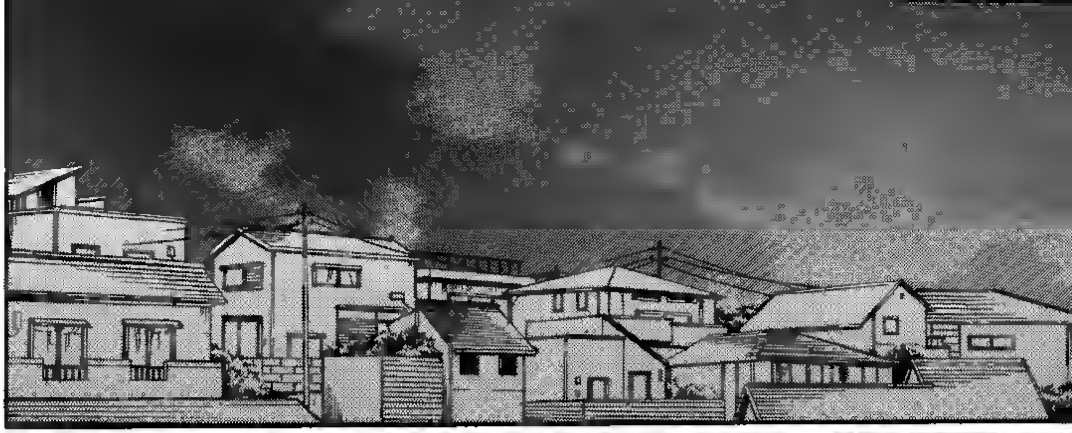
OUR PERFORMANCE WAS FULL OF MISTAKES, BUT
WE WERE HONESTLY HAVING A LOT OF FUN
.....

That's true...
THEIR SMILES ARE SO FAKE!
I MEAN LOOK AT THE NEXT PERFORMERS!
WE WERE WITHOUT A DOUBT "HAPPY" WHILE PERFORMING
I'M SURE HIS LOVE FOR FUJIMOTO-SAN INSPIRES HIM TO PERFORM THE WAY HE DOES
HUH
BY THE WAY, WHEN I LOOK AT US, I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK
HUH
ICHINOSE-KUN IS REALLY SUITED FOR ALEGRIAS

I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE TO FUSS ABOUT IT TOO MUCH
LET'S JUST DO ALEGRIAS AT THE SHOW...

huff
huff
THAT'S NO GOOD! YOU'VE GOT TO FULLY EMBRACE THE AGONY THAT'S ASSOCIATED WITH SOLEA

YOU'RE A LOT MORE WEIRD THAN I ORIGINALLY THOUGHT... BUT WON'T YOU HELP US?
HUH?



I wasn't living my life fully

But I was the one holding myself back with my self pity
TAKE A LOOK! THE EGG TURNED OUT PERFECTLY TODAY!
GOOD MORNING, KIMITAKA
Every day, my mom makes me sunny side up eggs
OH
THANKS...
GOOD MORNING, ONII-CHAN
I'VE GOT TO BRING THE EQUIPMENT TO THE TOURNAMENT SITE, SO I'M HEADING OUT EARLY
OKAY...

WELL THEN
I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
Part 1
My sister still holds expectations of her older brother

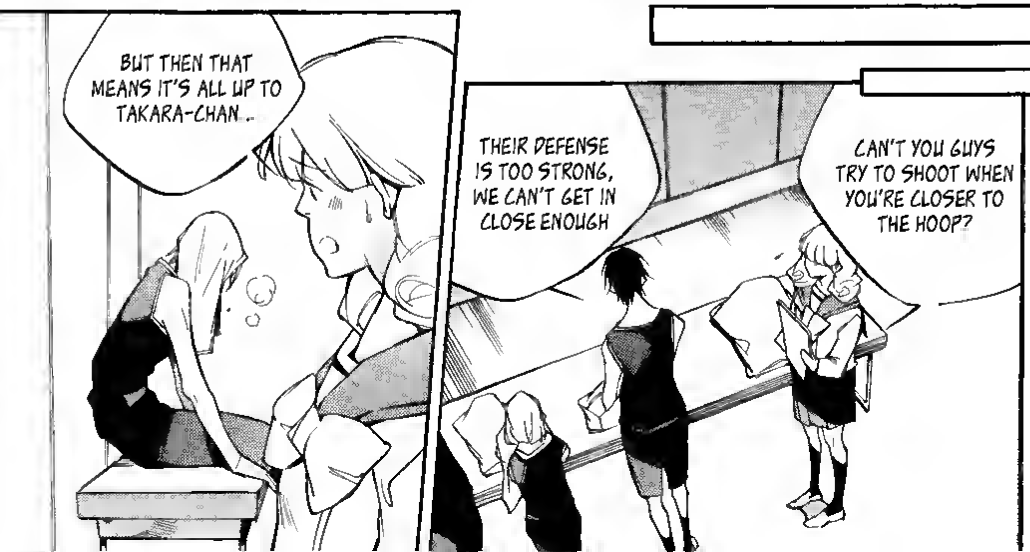
BANZAI!
BANZAI!
With my grandpa cheering at my back, if I step outside

GOOD MORNING
SUP
MORNING
ALRIGHT
LET'S GET GOING

yawn

OKAY!
A meaningful day by me and my friends await...

Fujimoto!
tremble


BUT THEN THAT MEANS IT'S ALL UP TO TAKARA-CHAN..
THEIR DEFENSE IS TOO STRONG, WE CAN'T GET IN CLOSE ENOUGH
CAN'T YOU GUYS TRY TO SHOOT WHEN YOU'RE CLOSER TO THE HOOP?

At this rate, not only would I have lost the red shoes...
BUT
BUT...
WE DON'T HAVE THE ROOM TO TAKE RISKS LIKE THAT RIGHT NOW
tremble
But also this place that I belong to now
Stop...
SHUT UP!
IF YOU'VE GOT THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT POINTLESS STRATEGIES
WHY DON'T YOU GET FUJIMOTO BACK ON HER GAME!
Stop!..

TAKARA-CHAN!
!
Help...
Help me, Ichinose-kun...

.....
ICHINOSE -KUN...?
FUJIMOTO-SAN
YOU'RE A QUICK RUNNER...

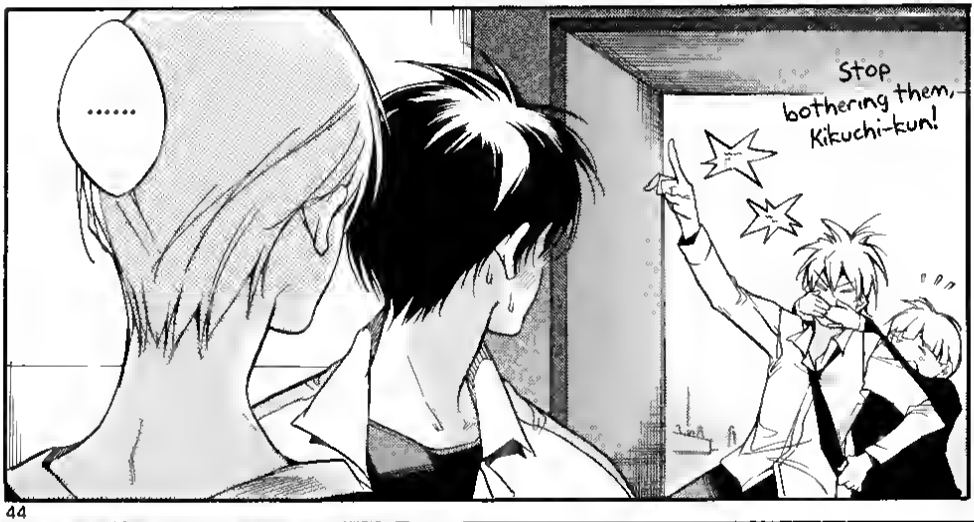
um
NO WAIT, IT'S JUST THAT MY SISTER GOES TO THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL, SO
SHE TOLD ME I SHOULD COME CHEER THE TEAM ON DURING HALF-TIME, SO...
HUH
WHY'RE...
swish
huh?
WHEN I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT COMING OUT AND CHEERING FOR THE TEAM
YOU SUDDENLY CAME BURSTING OUT AND WENT OFF RUNNING
SO I KIND OF PANICKED AND ENDED UP CHASING YOU..
HE'S WEARING RED HEELS
IS HE A CROSS-DRESSER?
HOW GROSS
LOOK AT HIS SHOES

UM
I THOUGHT I'D MAKE A MORE ELEGANT ENTRANCE...
BUT THIS ISN'T QUITE HOW I IMAGINED IT...
IT'S JUST LIKE THAT DAY...
HUH
I'D GIVEN UP ON DANCING
WHEN I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT THROWING AWAY THE SHOES, YOU STOPPED ME...

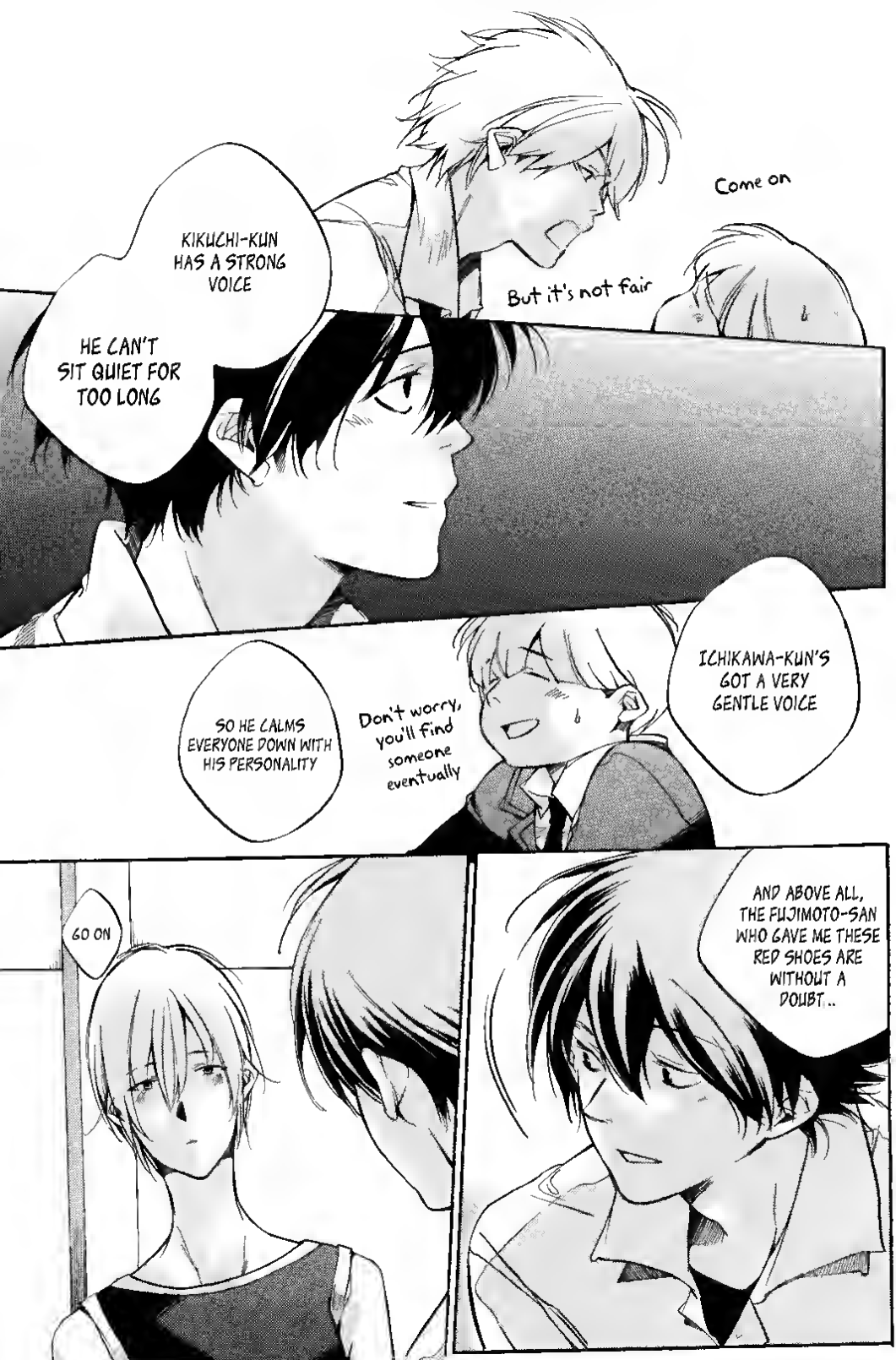
JUST WHEN I WAS FEELING TERRIBLE ABOUT MYSELF
AND I WAS ON THE VERGE OF RUNNING AWAY...

WHY DID YOU SHOW UP
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS SHOW UP WHEN I'M ABOUT TO GIVE UP ON MYSELF?

SENOR ICHINOSE, GO FOR IT, YOU DOG!!!


.....
Stop bothering them, Kikuchi-kun!

HUH...
THEY'RE MY FRIENDS...


Come on
But it's not fair
KIKUCHI-KUN HAS A STRONG VOICE
HE CAN'T SIT QUIET FOR TOO LONG
ICHIKAWA-KUN'S GOT A VERY GENTLE VOICE
Don't worry, you'll find someone eventually
SO HE CALMS EVERYONE DOWN WITH HIS PERSONALITY
AND ABOVE ALL, THE FUJIMOTO-SAN WHO GAVE ME THESE RED SHOES ARE WITHOUT A DOUBT..
GO ON

UH...
LISTEN TO OUR LETRA!
HUH?
.....
WE'LL CHEER YOU ON
SO MUCH THAT IT'LL MAKE YOU RED FROM EMBARASSMENT...
...

YEP
haha
HE'S REALLY GOING TO DANCE IN THOSE SHOES
Tirititran tran tran…
Tirititran tran tran…
Tirititran tran tran…
Tirititran tran tran……

Seeing you cling so dearly
onto a dream I had cast aside
made me remember happiness

It started on a whim,
but the times I experienced
with those shoes brought
me both joy and sadness

And From seeing you,
a person who reveled in
the joys oF liFe, I was sated
Remembering
those days,
I longed For
more

To you, who faces life,
come rain or shine,
I cannot bear to be
ashamed
With all
my strength,
I live out the
day with joy
So as to meet
you with pride,
beaming with a smile

Otra cosa.
Tu cuerpo asbelto
Es maravilloso!
AND YOUR SLENDER BODY KNOWS NO MATCH!
Hey Fujimoto
Bésame!!
HEY FUJIMOTO KISS ME!!
HUH
Esa cinturs y ssoa
tobillos delgados.
irrsaiatibles!
YOUR SHAPELY HIPS AND LEGS ARE IRRESISTIBLE!
Ahora ss tu
oportunided!
Da conquiaterma
THIS IS THE CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR HEART KNOWN!

STUPID
YOU'RE TERRIBLE
GO DIE
IT'S OKAY ICHINOSE-KUN, I DON'T THINK ANYONE HERE UNDERSTANDS SPANISH
THERE'S A SPANISH TRANSFER STUDENT IN OUR CLASS
SO THEY KNOW MOST BASIC WORDS...
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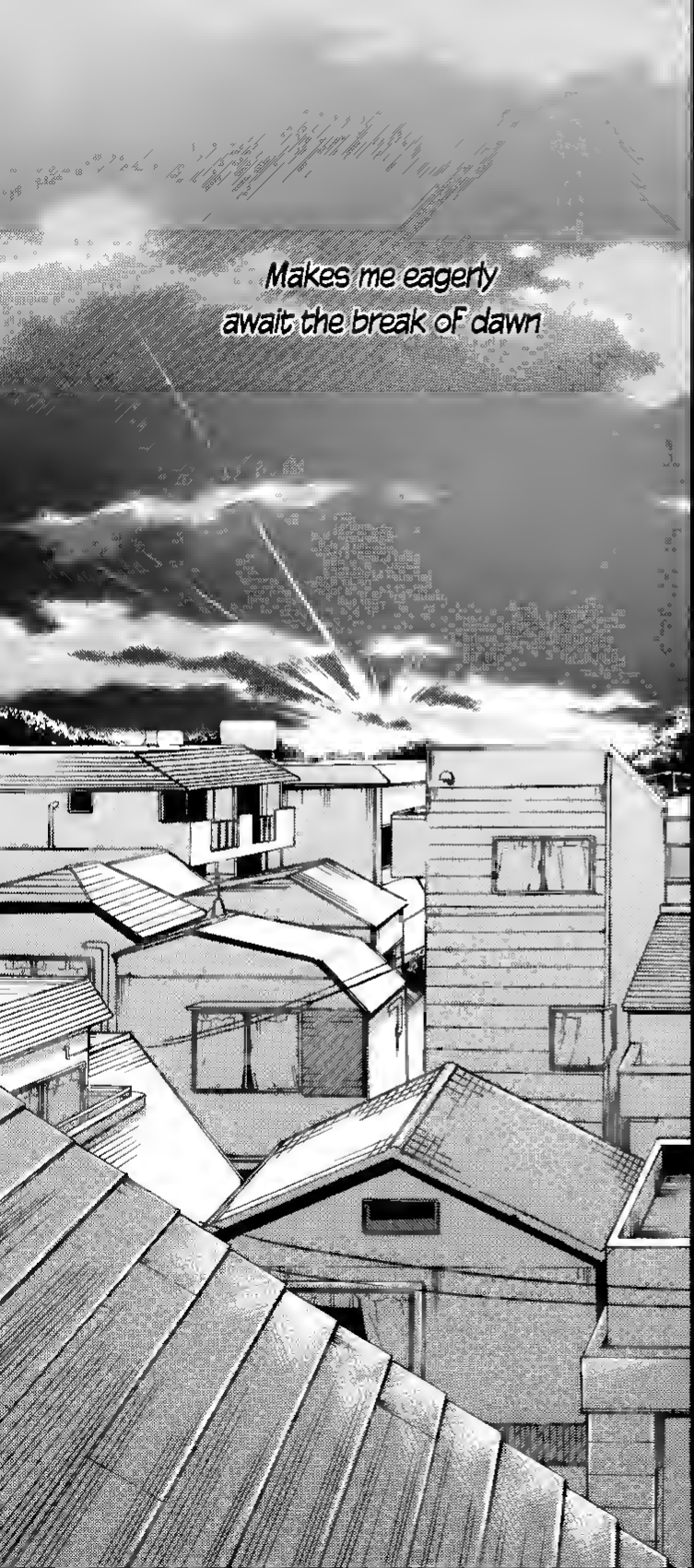
WHAT YOU DANCED WAS AN ALEGRIAS, RIGHT?
THANK YOU FOR GIVING MY SHOES ANOTHER LIFE
NO...
I'M SORRY FOR PUTTING YOU IN THE SPOTLIGHT.

I GOTTA GO

If I had to say,
I think a lot of days
end on a bad note...
cheapo

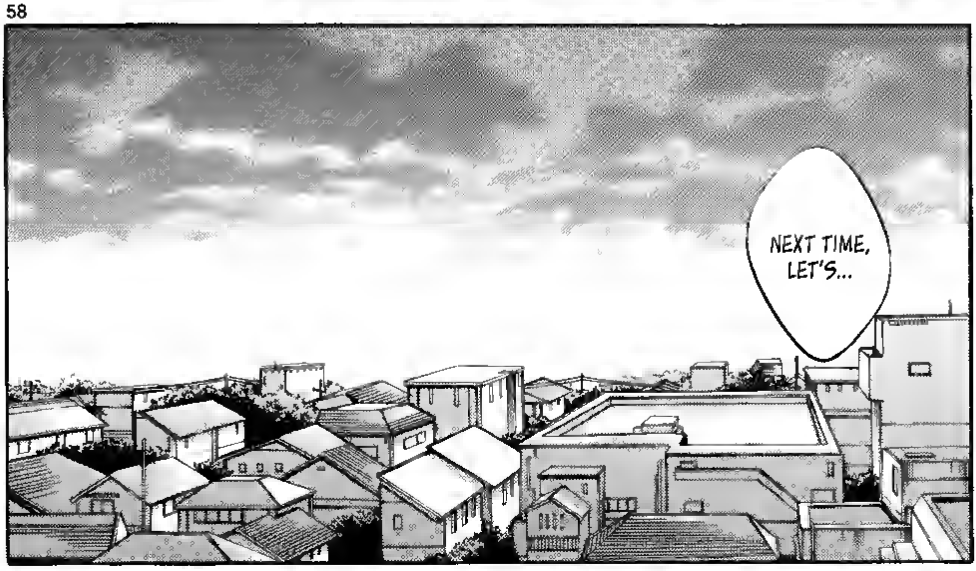


It's tough waking up
knowing that it could
be another day like
the last

But no matter how rare,
believing that a day
could be wonderful...

THAT WAS A REALLY FUN PERFORMANCE
WE STILL LOOKED AWFUL, THOUGH...

BY THE WAY, DID YOU GET YOUR NEW SHOES?
FUJIMOTO-SAN PICKED THEM OUT FOR YOU, DIDN'T SHE?
YEAH I THOUGHT I SHOULD START USING THEM FROM NOW ON
LET ME SEE
BY THE WAY, FUJIMOTO-SAN DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE HAS A BIG CHEST, BUT TELL ME, HOW IS IT?
What?
I wanna see
WOW THEY'RE WONDERFUL
THEY'RE RED!
I WONDER IF WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE SAME HURDLES ALL OVER AGAIN...
ha ha
MAYBE SO



TETSUGAKU LETRA - END

Afterword

We've safely arrived at the end of this series.
Thank you to all my supporters that have stayed with me
until the very end.

I've actually been learning Flamenco in secret, but whenever I took lessons, I was always bothered by how I was not able to perform as I believed Flamenco should be and I was very discouraged by that.....

However, there are students at the studio that have a mindset of enjoying the dance than nitpicking over perfection. Using them as a model, I created this story. Although, I don't think it turned out quite as well as I would have liked... (*strained laugh*)

In the previous work, there were a total of five volumes, and this time there were six volumes in total. In the next work, I plan on creating a total of seven volumes, so please look forward to it!

With that said, I hope to see everyone again in the near future.

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